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Susan (Mary Susan Hozdik) Charlton

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SALEM

WWII vet will perform
during New Year's Eve



ZELENAK

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer
World War II veteran Robert Zelenak will don a uniform once again, strap on

his guitar and sing as he did in the service to help Salem and fellow veterans ring in the new year.

The 87-year-old New Waterford resident received an invite from Abbey Road member John Gilbert to join the Beatles tribute band during their first set at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Kent City Center auditorium, one of six venues of New Year's Eve Salem, an alcohol-free family event.

Veterans will receive free admission to all venues, NYES committee member

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New Year's Eve Salem

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Robert Zelenak is pictured here in his U.S. Army uniform. The 87-year-old World War II veteran will sing during Abbey Road's first set at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Kent City Center auditorium venue during New Year's Eve Salem. All veterans will be admitted free to all venues. Photo courtesy Robert Zelenak.)



Volunteer Anthony Vessicchio helps to sort tables full of donated toys at the town hall in Newtown, Conn. (AP Photo)

More details
emerge a week
after shootings

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — He was the awkward kid who wore the same clothes to school every day.

He rarely spoke and even gave a school presentation entirely by computer, never uttering a word.

He liked tinkering with computers and other gadgets, and seemed to enjoy playing a violent video game, choosing a military-style assault rifle as one of his weapons.

New details about Adam Lanza emerged as Newtown wrapped up a wrenching week of farewells, with funerals scheduled Saturday for three of the slain children. Lanza slaughtered 20

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Agency examines emergency response procedures

By KATIE SCHWENDEMAN
Staff Writer

LISBON — A county agency is also stepping up its emergency response plan after the Dec. 14 tragedy that left 28 people dead in Connecticut.

Bob Zehentbauer, who serves as Public Health Emergency Planning Coordinator for the county health department, said he took another look at emergency procedures in place

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— Bob Zehentbauer, who serves as Public Health Emergency Planning Coordinator for the county health department

after Adam Lanza entered an elementary school in Newtown and killed 20 children, six adults and himself after

first killing his mother.

The local agency isn't the first to take another look at already existing

emergency plans. Earlier this week the East Palestine School District reviewed its procedure.

"The big thing is you gotta keep increasing the awareness. We have plans and they work but we're always looking to increase them," Zehentbauer said.

He added that, in general, emergency plans should be looked over

See RESPONSE, 3A

Library launches
website upgrade

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

Patrons of the Leetonia Community Public Library will have an easier time finding information on the library's website.

With the assistance of Tim Whitehouse of Columbiana, the library recently launched a new website that is easier to navigate and offers several new services, according to Library Director Lisa Rohrbaugh. The new site, which will remain at www.leetonia.library.org, enables patrons to renew and reserve items, as well as pay fines and make donations, online. Patrons will also be able to access eBooks now thanks to a generous anonymous donation to fund the follet on the site and a one-year membership to the

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eBook Project provided by the Friends of the Library.

"I am extremely pleased with the website and hope that the public will log on and take a look for themselves," Rohrbaugh said. "The old website wasn't up-to-date, there wasn't much more than the catalogue."

In addition to the standard catalogue of materials and the eBooks, audio books and movies now available through the Ohio eBook Project, the new site includes an online calendar of events for each month and easy access to many databases for searching including Mango in which one can learn another language. It

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Screenshot of the new home page of the Leetonia Community Public Library's new website, www.leetonia.library.org. (Courtesy of Tim Whitehouse)

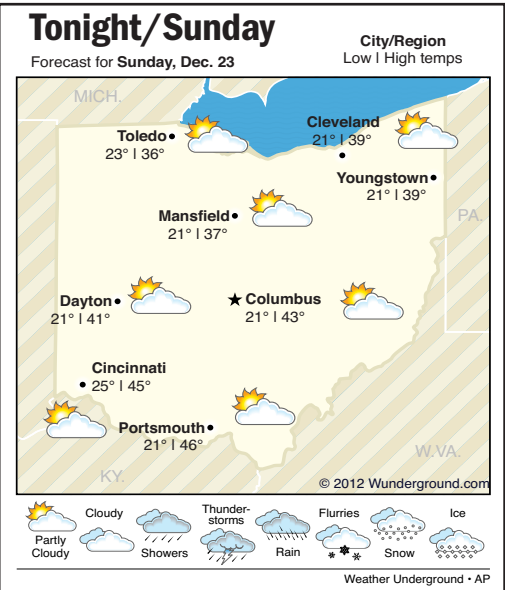
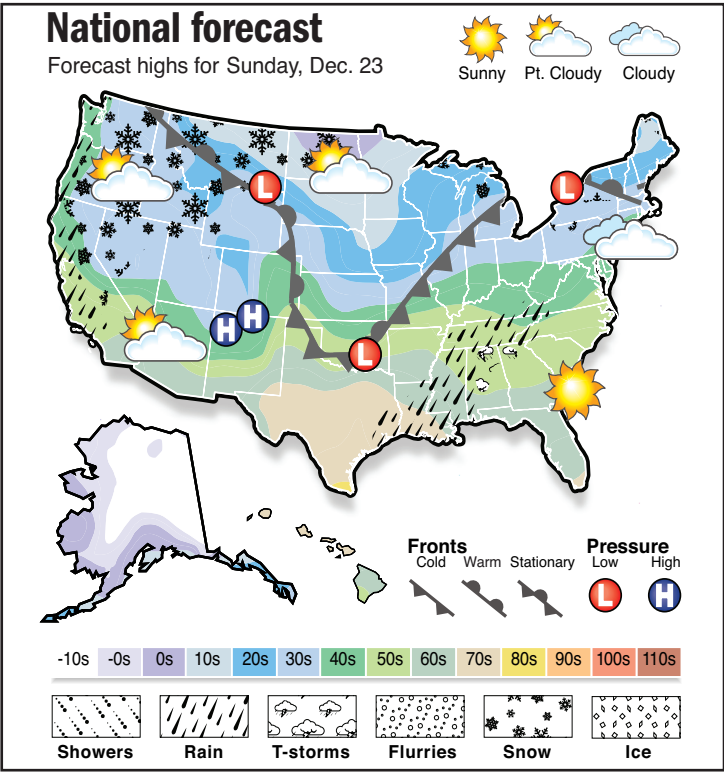
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WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Northwest winds around 5 mph. Monday...Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of snow. Little or no snow accumulation. Highs in the upper 30s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Monday night...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Lows in the upper 20s. Christmas day...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Highs in the mid 30s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday...Snow showers likely. Highs in the lower 30s. Chance of snow 70 percent. Wednesday night...Snow showers likely. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of snow 70 percent. Thursday...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Highs in the lower 30s. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 20. Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 30.

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ALMANAC

On Dec. 23, 1972, in what became known as football's "Immaculate Reception," Franco Harris of the Pittsburgh Steelers caught a pass thrown by Terry Bradshaw and scored a touchdown after the ball had been deflected during a collision between Jack Tatum of the Oakland Raiders and the Steelers' John Fuqua; the Steelers won the game (and an AFC divisional playoff) 13-7, despite controversy over the exact circumstances of the play. In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander in chief of the Continental Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va. In 1823, the poem "Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" was published anonymously in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel; the verse, more popularly known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," was later attributed to Clement C. Moore. In 1893, the Engelbert Humperdinck opera "Haensel und Gretel" was first performed, in Weimar, Germany.

Extended Forecast

Today

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SHOOTER FROM 1A

children and six adults during the Dec. 14 rampage at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Lanza also fatally shot his mother before blasting his way into Sandy Hook, and killed himself after the school massacre.

In high school, Lanza would walk through the hallways, awkwardly pressing himself against the wall while wearing the same green shirt and khaki pants every day. He hardly ever talked to his classmates.

“As long as I knew him, he never really spoke,” said Daniel Frost, who took a computer class with Lanza and remembered his skill with electronics. Lanza could take apart and re-assemble a computer in a matter of minutes

Lanza seemed to spend most of his time in the basement of the home he shared with his mother, who kept a collection of guns there, said Russell Ford, a friend of Nancy Lanza’s who had done chimney and pipe work on the house.

Nancy Lanza was often seen around town and regularly met friends at a local restaurant. But her 20-year-old son was seldom spotted around town, Ford and other townspeople said.

The basement of the Lanza home had a computer, flat-screen TV, couches and an elaborate setup for video games. Nancy Lanza kept her guns in what appeared to be a secure case in another part of the basement, said Ford, who often met her and other friends at a regular Tuesday gathering at My Place, a local restaurant.

During the past year and a half, Ford said, Nancy Lanza had told him that she planned to move out West and enroll Adam in a “school or a center.” The plan started unfolding after Adam turned 18.

“She knew she needed to be near him,” Ford said. “She was trying to do what was positive for him.”

Ford said Nancy Lanza didn’t elaborate on what type of services she wanted her son to receive. He said she made fewer appearances at the restaurant in recent months.

Mark Tambascio, owner of My Place, said Nancy Lanza described the same plan to him, saying she might move to Washington State.

Back in high school, Frost recalled, someone brought in a video game called “Counter-Strike,” a shooting video game in which players compete against each other as either terrorists or counter-terrorists.

Lanza “seemed pretty interested in the game,” Frost said, and would play it with other students. He remembers the weapons Lanza chose: an M4 military-style assault rifle and a Glock handgun.

Authorities said Lanza used a military-style assault rifle and carried handguns during the rampage at the school. They still have no clear reason why Lanza would lash out at defenseless first-graders and their caretakers.

State police spokesman Lt. J. Paul Vance said a final report on the investigation could be months away.

A moment of silence was held Friday in remembrance of those killed at the school. Gov. Dannel P. Malloy gathered with other officials in rain and wind on the steps of the Edmond Town Hall as the bell rang. Similar commemorations took place across the country.

Also on Friday, the National Rifle Association called for armed police officers to be stationed at schools. Wayne LaPierre, CEO of the nation’s largest gun-rights lobbying group, said at a Washington news conference that “the only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.”

LaPierre blamed video games, music and videos for exposing children to violence.

The founder of a video game website said he expects tens of thousands of players of online shooter games to participate in a 24-hour cease-fire that started at noon Friday. Antwand Pearman, founder of GamerFitNation, said the cease-fire is meant to show respect for those killed in the Newtown shooting. He said video games don’t cause violence.

Services were held Saturday in Connecticut for 7-year-old Josephine Gay and 6-year-old Ana Marquez-Greene. A service was also planned in Utah for 6-year-old Emilie Parker.

Newtown becomes a true toy story

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — Newtown’s children were showered with gifts Saturday — tens of thousands of teddy bears, Barbie dolls, soccer balls and board games — and those are only some of the tokens of support from around the world for the town in mourning.

Just a little over a week ago, 20 children and six school employees were gunned down at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Twenty-year-old Adam Lanza killed his mother, attacked the school, then killed himself. Police don’t know what set off the massacre.

Days before Christmas, funerals were still being held Saturday, the last of those whose schedules were made public, according to the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association. A service was held in Utah for 6-year-old Emilie Parker. Others were held in Connecticut for Josephine Gay, 7, and Ana Marquez-Greene, 6.

All of Newtown’s children were invited to Edmond Town Hall, where they could choose a toy. Bobbi Veach, who was fielding donations at the building, reflected on the outpouring of gifts from toy stores, organizations and individuals around the world.

“It’s their way of grieving,” Veach said. “They say, ‘I feel so bad, I just want to do something to reach out.’ That’s why we accommodate everybody we can.”

The United Way of Western Connecticut said the official fund for donations had \$2.8 million in it on Saturday. Others sent envelopes stuffed with cash to pay for coffee at the general store, and a shipment of cupcakes arrived from a gourmet bakery in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The Postal Service reported a six-fold increase in mail in the town and set up a unique post office box to handle it.

The parcels come decorated with rainbows and hearts drawn by schoolchildren.

Some letters arrived in packs of 26 identical envelopes — one for each family of the children and staff killed or addressed to the “First Responders” or just “The People of Newtown.” One card arrived from Georgia addressed to “The families of 6 amazing women and 20 beloved angels.” Many contained checks.

“This is just the proof of the love that’s in this country,” Postmaster Cathy Zieff said. Peter Leone said he was busy making deli sandwiches and working the register at his Newtown General Store when he got a phone call from Alaska. It was a woman who wanted to give him her credit card number. “She said, ‘I’m paying for the next \$500 of food that goes out your door,’” Leone said. “About a half hour later another gentleman called, I think from the West Coast, and he did the same thing for \$2,000.”

At the town hall building, the basement resembled a toy store, with piles of stuffed penguins, dolls, games, and other fun gifts. All the toys were inspected and examined by bomb-sniffing dogs before being sorted and put on card tables. The children could choose whatever they wanted.

Jugglers entertained the children, a dunk tank was set up outside and the crowd of several hundred parents and children sang an enthusiastic rendition of “Happy Birthday” to one child. A man dressed as Santa Claus was in attendance, and high school students were offering arts and crafts such as face painting and caricatures.

Newtown resident Amy Mangold, director of the local Parks and Recreation department, attended with her 12-year-old daughter, Cory. She acknowledged

that most people here could afford to buy their own gifts but said “this means people really care about what’s happening here. They know we need comfort and want to heal.”

She pointed to two people across the room. “Look at that hug, that embrace. This is bringing people together. Some people haven’t been getting out since this happened. It’s about people being together. I see people coming together and healing.”

Many people have placed flowers, candles and stuffed animals at makeshift memorials that have popped up all over town. Others are stopping by the Edmond Town Hall to drop off food, toys or cash. About 60,000 teddy bears were donated, said Ann Benoure, a social services caseworker who was working at the town hall.

“There’s so much stuff coming in,” Mahoney said. “To be honest, it’s a bit overwhelming; you just want to close the doors and turn the phone off.”

Mahoney said the town of some 27,000 with a median household income of more than \$111,000 plans to donate whatever is left over to shelters or other charities.

Sean Gillespie of Colchester, who attended Sandy Hook Elementary, and Lauren Minor, who works at U.S. Foodservice in Norwich, came from Calvary Chapel in Uncasville with a car filled with food donated by U.S. Foodservice. But they were sent elsewhere because the refrigerators in Newtown were overflowing with donations.

“We’ll find someplace,” Gillespie said. “It won’t go to waste.”

In addition to the town’s official fund, other private funds have been set up. Former Sandy Hook student Ryan Kraft, who once baby-sat Lanza, set up a fund with other alumni that has collected almost \$150,000.

Predicting who’s at risk for violence isn’t easy

CHICAGO (AP) — It happened after Columbine, Virginia Tech, Aurora, Colo., and now Sandy Hook: People figure there surely were signs of impending violence. But experts say predicting who will be the next mass shooter is virtually impossible — partly because as commonplace as these calamities seem, they are relatively rare crimes.

Still, a combination of risk factors in troubled kids or adults including drug use and easy access to guns can increase the likelihood of violence, experts say.

But warning signs “only become crystal clear in the aftermath,” said James Alan Fox, a Northeastern University criminology professor who has studied and written about mass killings.

“They’re yellow flags. They only become red flags once the blood is spilled,” he said.

Whether 20-year-old Adam Lanza, who used his

ously and parents should attempt to get them a mental health evaluation and treatment if needed.

“In general, the police are unlikely to be able to do anything unless and until a crime has been committed,” said Dr. Paul Appelbaum, a Columbia University professor of psychiatry, medicine and law. “Calling the police to confront a troubled teen has often led to tragedy.”

The American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry says violent behavior should not be dismissed as “just a phase they’re going through.”

In a guidelines for families, the academy lists several risk factors for violence, including:

- Previous violent or aggressive behavior
- Being a victim of physical or sexual abuse
- Guns in the home
- Use of drugs or alcohol
- Brain damage from a head injury

Lanza, the Connecticut shooter, was socially withdrawn and awkward, and has been said to have had Asperger’s disorder, a mild form of autism that has no clear connection with violence.

Autism experts and advocacy groups have complained that Asperger’s is being unfairly blamed for the shootings, and say people with the disorder are much more likely to be victims of bullying and violence by others.

According to a research review published this year in Annals of General Psychiatry, most people with Asperger’s who commit violent crimes have serious, often undiagnosed mental problems. That includes bipolar disorder, depression and personality disorders. It’s not publicly known if Lanza had any of these, which in severe cases can include delusions and other psychotic symptoms.

Young adulthood is when psychotic illnesses typically emerge, and Appelbaum said there are several signs that a troubled teen or young adult might be heading in that direction: isolating themselves from friends and peers, spending long periods alone in their rooms, plummeting grades if they’re still in school and expressing disturbing thoughts or fears that others are trying to hurt them.

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DEATH

Susie (Mary Susan Hozdik) Charlton

SALEM — Susie (Mary Susan Hozdik) Charlton, 63, of Goshen Township, Salem died at 4:52 a.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Youngstown.

The full obituary will appear later.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Greenford Christian Church. A time of visitation will be on Friday 5 to 8 p.m. at the Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenisen & Sons Funeral Home in Salem and on Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

12/23/12

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

— Deputies received a call at 1:54 a.m Saturday regarding a report of unlawful restraint that took place in the 28000 block of King Road. A warrant was issued for Charles Green, 28154 King Road after a female complainant advised she was a passenger in vehicle operated by him. She advised that they had crossed U.S. 62 onto Westville Lake Road and she jumped out of the vehicle because she was afraid to go to his residence. There was a pickup behind them and she jumped into the bed and asked the driver for help but he did not. Green exited his vehicle, grabbed her and placed her on his shoulder and put her back in his car and drove to his residence. While there he allegedly started breaking things and directing degrading names toward the complainant who managed to call her stepfather. He couldn't make out anything but her crying so he went to Green's residence and he allowed the complainant answer the door because he knew she had not called the sheriff. The stepfather told her if she wanted to leave to get in his car. Green then came out and told her to get out and stay there. She said she wasn't and left with her stepfather. At U.S. 62 and the Westville Lake Road traffic light Green overtook and got in front of them. Green exited his vehicle and came to the driver's side door and told her to get out and she said she wasn't and asked her stepfather to "just go" and they went around Green's car and headed westbound on U.S. 62. and Green followed them into Alliance and she called 911 and the Alliance police were nearby and responded and charged Green with menacing. Deputies took statements from the complainant and her stepfather that will be reviewed by the Columbiana County prosecutor's office and they were given written directions to the Goshen Township Police Department where an assault occurred earlier. Green was still at large Saturday afternoon, according to the Columbiana County Sheriff's Department.

— Deputies responded to the 39000 block of Brookfield Ave., Lisbon, at 8:13 a.m. Saturday for a welfare check and the resident said everything was fine. He had an argument with his wife last night so he slept in the vehicle to avoid any problems.

POLICE

SALEM REPORTS

— Police responded to the 600 block of W. 7th St. at 6:02 a.m. Saturday where a female complainant advised her girlfriend attempted to hang herself. Police spoke to the complainant and girlfriend who was not attempting to hang herself. She said she and her girlfriend had been dating approximately two years and had gotten into an argument and she became upset and picked up a cord and threatened to hang herself but had no real intention of doing so. She was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

— Police responded to Newgarden Road near the railroad crossing at 5:52 a.m. Saturday for a report of a disabled vehicle and learned the driver fell asleep waiting for a train.

Ohio teacher’s last lesson: Give back to community

By LORI KURTZMAN
The Columbus Dispatch

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ann Christopher says she feels a little like Santa Claus, handing out all this money so close to Christmas. Some charities have been stunned by the amounts. Frankly, so has she.

“She was never somebody who wanted attention,” Christopher said of the woman whose money she’s giving away. “She was very down-to-earth, very polite.”

She also was worth more than a lot of people knew. When retired schoolteacher Zelma Thatcher died last year at age 95, she left behind a small fortune to her family, friends and — as they’re finding out — local charities.

By year’s end, Christopher, a longtime friend of Thatcher’s, will have sent more than \$700,000 to five organizations in Ross, Delaware and Franklin counties.

The amount is staggering to the Ross County Humane Society, which was overjoyed by a recent \$2,500 donation from a poker run. Thatcher’s gift will be more than 100 times that amount — and slightly less than the organization’s annual budget.

“If you had moved the decimal (back) one space, we would have been thrilled,” said Cindy Adkins, president of the Humane Society board.

Friends say Thatcher was the kind of woman who would spend her morning elbows-deep in the soil of her organic garden before heading inside for lunch on white

linens and fine china. She drove a stick shift well into her 80s. She preferred history books to television. She found a best friend in a dog named Eve. Thatcher was born in 1916 in Ross County. She died last year in Dublin, having outlived her two brothers and a sister. In between, she married Thomas J. Thatcher, who worked for the gas company, and taught third grade, wrapping up her career at Ervin Carlisle Elementary School in Delaware. Thatcher used to carpool there with her young co-workers.

“I don’t know how she stood us, but she did,” said Christopher, who was a first-year teacher when she met Thatcher in 1971 and now works in Olentangy schools.

Thatcher was a strict teacher, Christopher said, but she also had a soft side. She loved animals and children, the latter of which she was unable to have. She railed against pesticides and was an early advocate of composting and recycling.

“To look at nature and connect with nature, to her that was her religion,” said Marsha McEvoy, a Lewis Center resident who met Thatcher when Thatcher moved from Columbus back to Ross County two decades ago.

She didn’t spend much when she didn’t have to. After she built a log cabin in the Hocking Hills, friends had to persuade her to install electricity and plumbing, McEvoy said. She was in her 80s and a widow at the time. And she was still driving that manual Toyota RAV4.

A series of strokes eventually slowed Thatcher.

RESPONSE FROM 1A

on a regular basis so new hires at a company, school or agency will be just as informed as seasoned employees and the chances of someone not knowing how to respond in an emergency are lessened.

“You have to brief new employees,” he said.

Health Commissioner Wes Vins said employees spent this week looking at an alternate emergency system that is independent of the phone system.

He didn’t go into details about the system but said that it provides a means of response in the event that telephones are not accessible or working properly.

In other business the department’s nursing director, Barbara Knee, said the board’s decision to hire Jennifer Davis two months ago is paying off.

Davis was hired to serve as a full-time nurse for the bureau for children with medical handicaps (BCMh). The bureau is a program offered through the health department that provides medical assistance and services to handicapped children and children who may become handicapped without medical intervention.

Knee said the board was able to bring Davis on full-time through a reimbursement from the BCMh program through the state of Ohio. The position was formerly part-time, and only offered when someone was available.

“I’m really excited. We hired the right person for the job. Just this month alone she added 12 new families to the program,” Knee said.

She added that Davis has saved families a substantial amount of money by visiting them in their homes and briefing them on the types of medication or services available to them at lower costs.

The board then approved:

— A third reading of 2013 fees for rabies exposure specimen testing, food services, swimming pools, recreational parks and real estate evaluations.

— Reducing certificates and appropriations for the Home Sewage and Cancer Levy. Fiscal Officer Cis Donahey explained the reduction is needed as a result of the phase out of personal property tax, and someone possibly not paying their property taxes. The board has also not yet received a \$3,649 check from the Susan G. Komen Foundation, although it is in the mail.

—The food safety training program, fee set at \$159 per individual for the Level II class. There is no fee for the Level I class.

— A resolution regarding mobile home inspections. Vins said the department will no longer perform inspections or approve licensing, but that will be done by the Mobile Parks Commission.

— Contracting with Carroll County for the Radon Grant.

— A one year contract with Chastidy Hall for car seat education and distribution. Hall will be paid \$260.50 a month.

— Contracting with Medical Imaging for mammography services. Mammograms are \$90 and ultrasounds are \$70.

— Reappointing Columbiana County Engineer Bob Durbin to the Sewage Appeals Board for two years.

— Hosting a Competent Person Training on Jan. 25 presented by Baker Corp and paying Baker Corp the \$125 fee.

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Police probe why man fatally shot 3 in rural Pa.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Authorities in central Pennsylvania are trying to determine why a man fatally shot three people along a rural road before being killed in a gunfight with police.

Police were still trying to piece together a timeline of the arduous investigation of the Friday shootings that began in Frankstown Township and spanned five crime scenes within a 1.5-mile radius.

A woman decorating a church hall for a children’s Christmas party was among those killed. Three state troopers were injured.

Authorities haven’t released a motive for the shootings.

“It’s going to take us some time to put this all together ... and know exactly what occurred,” said Lt. Col. George Bivens, a deputy state police commissioner.

Police did not release the names of the victims or the shooter, though they did say the man lived in Blair County, where all the shootings occurred. Clergy planned a prayer vigil Saturday for the victims, which included the woman at the Juniata Valley Gospel Church. The gunman and the victims weren’t related, though the victims may have been, at least distantly, Blair County District Attorney Rich Consiglio said.

Troopers were responding to a 911 call of a shooting in the township at about 9 a.m. Friday when they heard calls reporting at least one other shooting elsewhere, state police said.

The three troopers, in patrol cars, were injured in a pursuit that began after the gunman, driving a pickup truck, fired at them, police said. One trooper injured a wrist and then was hit in the chest but was saved by body armor.

A second trooper was injured by glass fragments in his eye and bullet fragments that hit him in the forehead, Bivens said.

The gunman was killed during a final exchange of gunfire after ramming his truck head-on into another police cruiser, authorities said. It was after that crash that the trooper shot in the

wrist also was hit in the chest.

The third trooper suffered minor injuries from the head-on crash, Bivens said. More than one weapon was seized from the truck, Bivens added, but he declined to offer more specifics.

“I think we have three very fortunate state police members tonight,” Bivens said Friday. “We are very thankful for the fact that they survived this attack. Someone was watching over them.”

Besides the woman, one man was shot at a home and the other man was shot at a crash site where the gunman had used his truck to strike another vehicle, Bivens said.

But relatives of the victims said they were told the woman at the church was the first person shot, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported. The gunman then shot two men in the driveway of a home after a confrontation at a stop sign, one of the men’s cousins, Marie Brenneman, told the newspaper.

“This person went to their driveway with a pistol, pointed at them and started shooting,” Brenneman said.

She said both men were the shooter’s neighbors in the tiny village of Geeseytown, about 70 miles west of Harrisburg, the state capital.

“They were uneasy around him,” she said.

The woman at the church had cooked food the day before for the funeral of the church’s longtime pastor, said the Rev. James McCaulley, his brother.

VETERAN FROM 1A

David Schwartz announced.

Zelenak is scheduled to sing one song, but said he hasn’t decided for sure which song he’ll do, although the Johnnie Ray song “Cry” is near the top of the list. Other songs he likes and may consider include “Your Cheatin’ Heart” and “Release Me.”

A native of Aliquippa, Pa., he recalled one day in the third grade when the teacher asked if anybody wanted to sing and he and another boy started singing “Little Brown Jug.”

“We were laughing and giggling — the kids were going crazy,” he said.

Zelenak was drafted into the U.S. Army at age 19 in April 1944 and went through 17 weeks of training at Camp Croft in South Carolina, had a couple weeks of furlough and then on to Fort Dix in New Jersey.

He boarded the Queen Mary for the trip across the Atlantic and landed in Scotland, crossing the English channel and riding across Europe by train and truck. Trained for infantry as a member of the Third Army, he joined the 7th Armored Division in Holland and became a truck driver.

They built a bridge to get across the Rhine River.

“It was quite an experience to be in the Battle of the Bulge,” he said, acknowledging he was scared, but he got over it.

He was a soldier under Gen. George Patton and Gen. Omar Bradley and mentioned British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery. He said he went to Patton’s funeral, but didn’t have a lot of contact with him.

While in the service, during training, he and the other guys in the outfit would sing to pass the time, mostly country songs. He continued his singing after the war ended and said he even sang on the Ponderosa Park stage. People could come and do two songs, but they had to be there at 8 a.m. He said it was a good opportunity.

Zelenak said he started big time with the karaoke in 1991 and started singing all over the place, in taverns and parties, all for fun.

“My big hope is to sing with an orchestra someday,” he said.

He met Gilbert at his son’s business and they started talking. He was surprised when he asked if he would sing a song during New Year’s Eve Salem, noting that Abbey Road is a popular band.

“I’m thankful to have this opportunity,” Zelenak said.

When he’s not singing, he said he’s done a few speeches during veteran events and would like to talk to school children about his war experience.

His wife passed away in 2002. Together they had three children, Mike, Bob and Patty. The family includes four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He lives with his son, Mike, and their chihuahua, Fernando.

Admission tickets for New Year’s Eve Salem are \$5 in advance if purchased before Christmas Day, and then \$8 after that, with all children 10 and under free if accompanied by a ticket-bearing adult. Tickets are available at Salem Giant Eagle, Salem Community Center, all Salem banks, Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Salem Historical Society.

For a full schedule of venues, entertainment and dinner menus, check the website at www.newyarsevesalem.com.

Mary Ann Greier can be reached at mgreier@salemnews.net

LIBRARY FROM 1A

also includes a contact form, a slideshow of photographs and a brief history of the library, as well as a link to the library’s Facebook page.

There are also links to the village and school district websites.

Whitehouse, who also designed the website for the Canfield War Vet Museum, said he and library staff elected for a simple, traditional website so that patrons could find information quickly.

“The main focus was to make it easy for people to get to the information they need,” explained Whitehouse, who volunteered his time to design the site after his wife, Carolyn, starting working at the library a few months ago.

“I hope it helps the community out so that they can find their information, see a benefit to the community,” he said. “God gave me a talent to bring good to others,

Ohio man jailed for threat call to school

CINCINNATI (AP) — A 58-year-old man has been jailed without bond after he allegedly made a threatening phone call to a downtown Cincinnati school.

Bruce Alexander was in Hamilton County Jail on Saturday on a charge of aggravated menacing. Police arrested him Friday. They say he threatened to hurt students in a call to CSR Academy, a K-8 charter school.

He is due in court Dec. 27. His attorney didn’t immediately return a telephone call for comment.

so I volunteer and am more than happy to do it, knowing that people are going to be able to use it, that it’s going to help.”

Rohrbaugh praised Whitehouse and other donors that helped get the site up and running.

“On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees and the staff, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to an anonymous donor who made the purchase of Follett Destiny software possible (this enables the circulation of eBooks); to the Friends of the Library for their generous donation to join the Ohio eBook Project for one year; and a special thanks to Tim Whitehouse for his many months of work on the new website; his creative, thoughtful suggestions, hard work and patience,” she said.

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SUN/23
EAST PALESTINE
Parker Brothers and Lacey in concert, 11 a.m., God's Haven of Rest, 51966, state Route 14. Travis Parker in concert, 6 p.m.

SALEM
Christmas Cantata, 10:30 a.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 291 S. Broadway Ave.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532. Carryouts, 330-427-2533.

MON/24
SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

TUE/25
SALEM
Salem Community Pantry, closed today.

Banquet in Salem, 5 p.m. only, Memorial Building; ham, turkey, cranberry sauce, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fresh vegetables and fruit, ice cream sundaes. Holiday music by Butch Hallowell.

WED/26
COLUMBIANA
Salem Area Singles, meeting, 6 p.m., 7&14 restaurant.

ELKTON
Elkrun Township trustees, meeting, 7 p.m., township administration building on state Route 154.

SALEM
Salem High School Class of 1955, lunch, 11:30 a.m., BB Rooners.

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

THU/27
DAMASCUS
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

LISBON
David Anderson High School Class of 1955, breakfast, 10 a.m., Taste of Country.

Beaver Local Board of Education, Buildings and Grounds Committee, 5:30 p.m., high school Room 2.

Help Hotline Crisis Center's support group of the Survivors of Suicide, meeting, 6 p.m., Columbiana County Counseling Center, SR 154; 330-424-7767

SALEM
TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessible.

Salem High School Class of 1954, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem City Board of Health, public hearing on food service fees, 9:30 a.m., health department, KSU City Center.

Salem City Board of Health meeting, 10 a.m., health department, KSU City Center.

Kaiser/National retirees and past employees, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Adele's Place.

FRI/28
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
Trustees, special meeting, noon, town-

ON THE **Calendar** THIS WEEK

ship government building, Fairfield School Road.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Administration Building.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Community Hospital and Salem Community Center's blood drive, 1-7 p.m., at SCC, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave. Ap- pointments, 330-332-7227. Walk-ins ac- cepted.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

SAT/29
NORTH LIMA
All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet, 7-10 a.m., North Lima Mennonite Church, 90 Mennonite Drive; donations accepted.

SUN/30
WASHINGTONVILLE
Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532. Carryouts, 330-427-2533.

MON/31
NORTH LIMA
New Year's Eve Victory Gospel Jubilee, 7 p.m., North Lima Business Complex. Buf- fet dinner by the Hen House Cafe, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$12. Reservations and free Jubilee tickets, 800-284-9709.

SALEM
Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; pork loin and sauerkraut. Butch Hallowell will perform Christmas carols.

WED/2
LEETONIA
Book discussion, Anita Shreve's "Light on Snow," 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Toddler Playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
Salem Community Pantry, closed today.

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

New Year's Eve party, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Vet- erans of Foreign Wars Post 892, 496 Arch St. Music by Damaged Goods; \$5 for non-members.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

THU/3
DAMASCUS
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

LEETONIA
Red Cross blood drive, 12:30-5:30 p.m.; blood pressure screening, 1-3 p.m.; Lee- tonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessi- ble.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem Bird Study Club, 7 p.m., First Pres- byterian Church, 436 E. Second St.; use rear entrance.

FRI/4
SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

SAT/5
GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Board of trustees, 9 a.m., administration building.

SALEM
Salem High School Class of 1972, break- fast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1949, break- fast, 9:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1963, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

SUN/6
SEBRING
American Legion Post 76, monthly break- fast, 8 a.m.-noon, post home, 395 W. Cal- ifornia Ave.

MON/7
COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh- ins-9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

LEETONIA
Restoration, Renovation, and Beautifica- tion Committee of Columbiana, meeting, 6:30 p.m., Columbiana Womens Club.

LISBON
Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, First Friends Church, 1028 Jennings Ave.; 330-332-1078.

Emotions Anonymous, 2-3 p.m., Salvation Army; 330-332-1045.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

TUE/8
LEETONIA
Leetonia Community Public Library Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Leetonia Commu- nity Public Library.

LISBON
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House behind McDonald's; 330-337-0940.

SALEM
Salem Community Hospital retirees and former employees, informal lunch, 11 a.m., Das Dutch Haus in Columbiana.

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem High School Class of 1968, dinner, 6 p.m., Ricky's English Pub.

Salem Jubilee Chorus practice. Male singers wanted, 7-8:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-337-6682.

WED/9
LEETONIA
Toddler Playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
Men of the Salem High School Class of 1960, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

THU/10
DAMASCUS
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

SALEM
TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessi- ble.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem High School Class of 1968, 45th reunion planning meeting, Alumni Associ- ation, 6 p.m.

FRI/11
LEETONIA
"Breakfast at Tiffany's," 1 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

SAT/12
BOARDMAN
Goodness Grows benefit, 5-10 p.m., Glenwood Christian Fellowship Cafe, 7872 Glenwood Ave.; 330-549-9408.

LISBON
Beaver Local High School Class of 1984's spaghetti dinner benefit for the Chuck Cornell family, 4-7 p.m., high school; do- nations, 330-801-2597. Monetary dona- tions to: First National Community Bank, P.O. Box 769, East Liverpool 43920; checks payable to BLHS Class of 1984.

SUN/13
SALEM
Former A&P employees, dinner, 3 p.m., BB Rooners.

MON/14
COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh- ins-9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

LEETONIA
Nonfiction book discussion, P. Strathern's "The Artist, the Philosopher and the War- rior," 6 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

LISBON
Public Employee Retirees #59, meeting, 1 p.m., Taste of Country.

Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

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TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.

ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

Salem AMVETS schedule dance
SALEM — A dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on New Year's Eve at AMVETS Post 45. Admission is free to mem- bers and \$5 for non-mem- bers. Music will be provided by Uptown Saturday Night.

Monopoly game tournament set
SALEM — Salem Public Li- brary will host a Monopoly game tournament on Jan. 12 and 19in the Quaker meeting room at 821 E. State St. The public, ages 12 and up, are invited. Prizes will be awarded to first and second- place winners. Registration is required and begins Dec. 22. The registration deadline is Jan. 7. For more information or to register call 330-332-0042 or stop in at the adult circulation desk.

Concealed carry class set at SHC
SALEM — National Rifle Association certified instruc- tors are teaching a concealed carry class on Jan. 12 at the Salem Hunting Club. Interesting and informative class room material, a range experience with emphasis on basic fundamental marks- manship skills and firearm safety designed to build confi- dence on the range are pro- vided. All levels of experience are welcome. For more infor- mation call 330-332-9847.

Salem Bible Church planning service
SALEM — A special Christ- mas service begins at 7 p.m. Sunday at Salem Bible Church, 807 Cunningham Road. All are welcome. The choir will present special music, along with congregational singing, and a sermon on the incarnation of Christ.

Candlelight service scheduled Monday
CANFIELD — Calla Com- munity Church at 6482 W. Calla Road will hold a tradi- tional candlelight Christmas Eve service. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., violinist John Vagas will perform both Christmas and classical music. At 7 p.m., the service will start, led by the Rev. James Houston. Communion will be given and is open to all. An offering will be taken and given to a member of the community and to the Wounded Heroes Veterans Program.

Nazarene Church presenting program
COLUMBIANA — The Columbiana Nazarene Church at 330 N. Elm will present its annual cantata ti- tled, "Peace, Hope and Joy" at 10 a.m. Sunday. Refreshments will precede the service from 9 to 9:30 a.m. A Christmas Eve service begins at 7 p.m. The public is invited to both events.

Buffet offered at the Mennonite Church
NORTH LIMA — An all- you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be available from 7 to 10 a.m. Dec. 29 at the North Lima Mennonite Church, 90 Mennonite Drive. Donations will be accepted. Items on the buffet include eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, potatoes, homemade rolls, sausage gravy and bis- cuits, sausage and onions, coffee, orange juice, and other beverages.



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- 2/3 cup Sugar
- 2/3 cup Water
- 1 cup Grapefruit juice
- 1/2 cup Orange juice
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- 1 lime slice
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‘Fiscal cliff’ leaves Boehner a wounded speaker

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Boehner is a bloodied House speaker following the startling setback that his own fractious Republican troops dealt him in their “fiscal cliff” struggle against President Barack Obama.

There’s plenty of internal grumbling about the Ohio Republican, especially among conservatives, and lots of buzzing about whether his leadership post is in jeopardy. But it’s uncertain whether any other House Republican has the broad appeal to seize the job from Boehner or whether his embarrassing inability to pass his own bill preventing tax increases on everyone but millionaires is enough to topple him.

“No one will be challenging John Boehner as speaker,” predicted John Feehery, a consultant and former aide to House GOP leaders. “No one else can right now do the job of bringing everyone together” and unifying House Republicans.

The morning after he yanked the tax-cutting bill from the House floor to prevent certain defeat, Boehner told reporters he wasn’t worried about losing his job when the new Congress convenes Jan. 3.

“They weren’t taking that out on me,” he said Friday of rank-and-file GOP lawmakers, who despite pleading from Boehner and his lieutenants were shy of providing the 217 votes needed for passage. “They were dealing with the perception that somebody might accuse them of raising taxes.”

That “somebody” was a number of outside conservative groups

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such as the Club for Growth and Heritage Action for America, which openly pressured lawmakers to reject Boehner’s bill. Such organizations often oppose GOP lawmakers they consider too moderate and have been headaches for Boehner in the past. This time, his retreat on the tax measure was an unmistakable blow to the clout of the 22-year House veteran known for an amiable style, a willingness to make deals and a perpetual tan.

Congressional leaders amass power partly by their ability to command votes, especially in showdowns. His failure to do so Thursday stands to weaken his muscle with Obama and among House Republicans.

“It’s very hard for him to negotiate now,” said Sarah Binder, a George Washington University political scientist, adding that it’s premature to judge if Boehner’s hold on the speakership is in peril. “No one can trust him because it’s very hard for him to produce votes.”

She said the loss weakens his ability to summon support in the future because “you know the last time he came to you like this, others didn’t step in line.”

Boehner, 63, faces unvarnished hostility from some conservatives. “We clearly can’t have a speaker operate well outside” what Repub-

licans want to do, said freshman Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan.

Huelskamp is one of four GOP lawmakers who lost prized committee assignments following previous clashes with party leaders. That punishment was an anomaly for Boehner, who is known more for friendly persuasion than arm-twisting.

He said Boehner’s job would depend on whether the speaker is “willing to sit and listen to Republicans first, or march off” and negotiate with Obama.

Conservative Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, said one of the tea party’s lasting impacts would be if Boehner struggled to retain his speakership due to the fight over the fiscal cliff, which is the combination of deep tax increases and spending cuts that start in early January without a bipartisan deal to avert them. “If there’s a major defeat delivered here, it could make it tough on him,” King said. “He’s in a tough spot.”

Defenders say Boehner has been dealt a difficult hand. They say that in nearly two years as speaker, he’s been field general over an unruly GOP majority confronting a Democratic president and Senate, steering them to the best outcomes possible.

House Republicans won some

spending cuts early on. But they were faulted by the public for nearly causing a federal default in a 2011 fight over extending the government’s debt limit, and lost a later battle over renewing a payroll tax cut. This year, they’ve suffered in the polls for resisting the extension of wide-ranging tax cuts unless the wealthiest earners were included, which Obama opposes. They saw their House majority whittled by eight seats in last month’s elections.

“He’s doing a good job in a tough situation,” said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, a Boehner friend. He said the speaker’s challenges include “independent individuals” among House Republicans and the increased willingness of outside conservatives to pressure GOP leaders, not defer to them.

Portman said he didn’t know if Boehner’s tax bill debacle would weaken him.

“It proved to the president what he’s been saying, that there are limits to how far he can go” in making concessions in fiscal cliff bargaining, said Portman. “But a win would have improved chances for an agreement” by demonstrating that Boehner could deliver votes.

“His own Republican team let him down and that always hurts a

leader,” said veteran Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga.

Republicans watching closely for overt or subtle moves by would-be challengers to Boehner said Friday they’d detected none, though such moves are notoriously secretive.

The entire House elects its speaker by majority vote on the first day of the new session. Because the 201 Democrats will probably all back Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for the job, a GOP effort to depose Boehner would have to occur internally and before the full House votes so Republicans — with 234 seats — elect one of their own as speaker.

Possible candidates to replace Boehner, according to GOP lawmakers and aides, include Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia, third-ranking Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, GOP vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Rep. Tom Price of Georgia. Cantor was at Boehner’s side Friday as both men met with reporters. Cantor, McCarthy and Ryan lobbied colleagues for Boehner’s tax-cut bill, giving Republicans angry over the measure little reason to turn to them as alternatives.

“I recognize why these questions are getting asked,” conservative freshman Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., said about whether Boehner was in trouble. “I see nothing giving any evidence to that end. It was not a vote of no confidence on John Boehner. It was a legislative defeat, not a personal defeat.”

Obama seeks scaled-down ‘fiscal cliff’ agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has scaled back his ambitions for a sweeping budget bargain with Republicans. Instead, he’s calling for a limited measure sufficient to prevent the government from careening off the “fiscal cliff” in January by extending tax cuts for most taxpayers and forestalling a painful set of agency budget cuts.

In a White House appearance Friday, Obama also called on Congress to extend jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed that would otherwise be cut off for 2

million people at the end of the year. Obama’s announcement was a recognition that chances for a larger agreement before year’s end have probably collapsed. It also suggested that any chance for a smaller deal may rest in the Senate, particularly after the collapse of a plan by House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, to permit tax rates to rise on million-dollar-plus incomes.

“In the next few days, I’ve asked leaders of Congress to work toward a package that prevents a tax hike on middle-class Americans, pro-

pects unemployment insurance for 2 million Americans, and lays the groundwork for further work on both growth and deficit reduction,” Obama said. “That’s an achievable goal. That can get done in 10 days.”

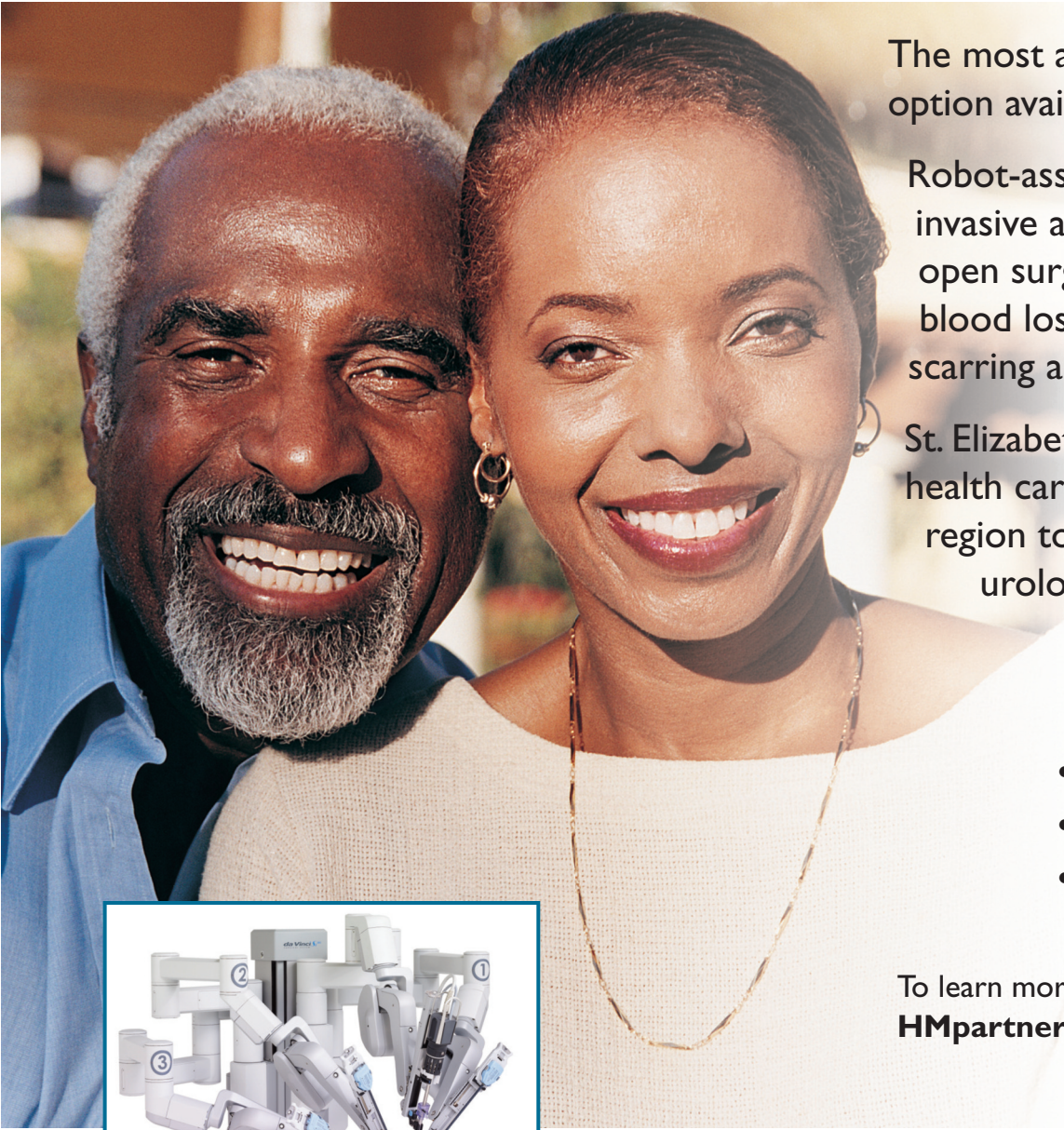
Maybe, maybe not. The latest plan faces uncertainty at best in the sharply divided Senate. GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who wields great power even in the minority, called Friday for Senate action on a House bill from the summer extending the full menu of Bush-era tax cuts. He promised that it will take GOP votes for any-

thing to clear the Senate, where 60 votes are required to advance most legislation. Democrats control 53 votes. Boehner, giving the GOP weekly radio address, said, “Of course, hope springs eternal, and I know we have it in us to come together and do the right thing.”

Earlier, Boehner said Obama needs to give more ground to reach an agreement and that both he and Obama had indicated in a Monday telephone call that their latest offers represented their bottom lines. “How we get there,” he added, “God only knows.”

Congress shut down for Christmas and Obama flew to Hawaii with his family for the holidays. But both men indicated they’d be back in Washington, working to beat the fast-approaching Jan. 1 deadline with an agreement between Christmas and New Year’s.

Obama announced his plans after talking by phone with Boehner and meeting with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., who had previously pinned his hopes on an Obama-Boehner agreement and is wary of dealing with McConnell.



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First gorilla born in a zoo turning 56

COLUMBUS (AP) — The first gorilla born in a zoo is turning 56 and celebrating the birthday with some special treats at her central Ohio home.

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums says the female western lowland gorilla named Colo is the oldest gorilla in any zoo. She was born at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in 1956.

The zoo planned to mark Colo’s birthday Saturday with a specially prepared cake for her and other gifts, including her favorite food — tomatoes. The zoo planned to include guests in the fun by having them sing “Happy Birthday.”

Colo is a mother of three, and her family tree includes more than two dozen descendants living at zoos across the country.

Plane goes off runway at Hopkins Airport

CLEVELAND (AP) — A 50-passenger plane from New York drove off the runway at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

Airport officials say no one was hurt Friday night, and passengers were taken by bus to the airport terminal.

Delta Air Lines Flight 3899 from John F. Kennedy Airport was taxiing to its gate when it turned off into a patch of grass and got stuck. An airport spokesman tells The Cleveland Plain Dealer such incidents happen a couple times a year. There was no impact on other flights.

State awards \$36M in preservation credits

COLUMBUS (AP) — The state has awarded nearly \$36 million in historic preservation tax credits for the rehabilitation of 45 historic buildings around Ohio.

The Ohio Development Services Agency says the credits

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were awarded recently to 23 owners and applicants planning to rehabilitate buildings in nine communities. Officials say the projects are expected to leverage more than \$252 million in private investments.

Agency director Christine Schmenk says the tax credits put empty buildings back into the economic cycle and create jobs through construction activities and reoccupation of the buildings. She says the program has saved some of the state’s most significant historic structures.

A Cleveland State University study released in 2011 says \$1 million in tax credits generates \$8 million in construction spending, \$40 million in total economic activity and nearly 400 jobs.

WWII vet gets high school diploma

HAMILTON, Ohio (AP) — An 85-year-old Tennessee man who grew up in Ohio has finally gotten a high school diploma.

The Pulse-Journal reports that 85-year-old Louis Graham left Hamilton High School north of Cincinnati in 1944, when he was 17, without graduating to join the U.S. Navy.

His daughter says Graham served two years in the South Pacific during WWII and took part in the liberation of the Philippines and the invasion of Okinawa. He later joined the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War.

Earlier this month, Graham was awarded a diploma from Lakota West High School, which now serves the then-rural area where Graham grew up.

Graham now lives in Watertown, Tenn., east of Nashville, with his wife of 51 years. They have four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Foundation providing \$8M to Ohio project

AKRON (AP) — A downtown development project in northeast Ohio has landed nearly \$8 million in foundation help.

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation recently announced the financial assistance for the University Park Alliance group that is working to develop the neighborhood near the University of Akron.

The foundation will provide a \$6 million grant over five years to get neighbors, businesses and city institutions involved in the planning. It will also provide a \$1.8 million low-interest loan.

The funding will help a project envisioned to include \$60 million to \$70 million in retail, housing and office space.

According to the Akron Beacon Journal (bit.ly/URBQ6w), the Miami-based Knight Foundation invests in communities where the Knight brothers owned newspapers such as Akron.

EPA releases progress report on fracking

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency has released a progress report on its research into potential impacts of natural gas hydraulic fracturing and drilling on drinking water.

The update released Friday doesn’t come to any conclusions and the final report won’t be released until 2014.

The EPA says information on fracking chemicals has been collected from nine companies and 24,925 wells. Computer analysis is also being done on well construction.

The EPA says it is working with scientists, the industry, and environmental groups to examine any possible impacts. Sampling at five locations in Colorado, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Texas has been completed, and lab studies are being done on drilling wastewater.

The industry and many states say the process is safe when done properly, but critics dispute that.

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Kutcher files for divorce from Demi Moore

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ashton Kutcher filed court papers Friday to end his seven-year marriage to actress Demi Moore.

The actor’s divorce petition cites irreconcilable differences and does not list a date that the couple separated. Moore announced last year that she was ending her marriage to the actor 15 years her junior, but she never filed a petition.

Kutcher’s filing does not indicate that the couple has a prenuptial agreement. The filing states Kutcher signed the document Friday, hours before it was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Kutcher and Moore married in September 2005 and until recently kept their relationship very public, communicating with each other and fans on the social networking site Twitter. After their breakup, Moore changed her name on the site from (at)mrskutcher to (at)justdemi.

Kutcher currently stars on CBS’ “Two and a Half Men.”

Messages sent to Kutcher’s and Moore’s publicists were not immediately returned Friday.

Moore, 50, and Kutcher, 34, created the DNA Foundation, also known as the Demi and Ashton Foundation, in 2010 to combat the organized sexual exploitation of girls around the globe. They later lent their support to the United Nations’ efforts to fight human trafficking, a scourge the international organization estimates affects about 2.5 million people worldwide.

Moore was previously married to actor Bruce Willis for 13 years. They had three daughters together — Rumer, Scout and Tallulah Belle — before divorcing in 2000. Willis later married model-actress Emma Heming in an intimate 2009 ceremony at his home in Parrot Cay in the Turks and Caicos Islands that attended by their children, as well as Moore and Kutcher.

Kutcher has been dating former “That ‘70s Show” co-star Mila Kunis. The divorce filing was first reported Friday by People magazine.

Iron Butterfly bassist dies at age 70

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lee Dorman, the bassist for psychedelic rock band Iron Butterfly, has died at age 70.

Orange County sheriff’s spokeswoman Gail Krause says Dorman was found dead in a vehicle Friday morning. A coroner’s investigation is under way, but foul play is not suspected. Krause said Dorman may have been on his way to a doctor’s appointment when he died.

Iron Butterfly was formed and rose to prominence in the late 1960s. Its second album, “In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida,” sold more than 30 million copies, according to the band’s website. The title track’s distinctive notes have been featured in numerous films and TV shows including “The Simpsons,” “That ‘70s Show” and in the series finale of “Rescue Me.”

Douglas Lee Dorman was born in September 1942 and had been living in Laguna Niguel, a coastal city in Southern California, when he died. A message sent through the band’s website was not immediately returned.

Bay of Pigs vets recall release from Cuba

MIAMI (AP) — Veterans from the failed Bay of Pigs invasion are celebrating 50 years since their release from Cuba.

The first planeload of prisoners arrived at Homestead Air Force Base on Dec. 23, 1962. Some survivors from those flights planned a reunion Saturday at the Bay of Pigs Museum in Miami’s Little Havana.

More than a 1,100 Bay of Pigs fighters were held for 20 months following the disastrous April 1961 invasion to overthrow Fidel Castro’s government. They were eventually released under an agreement in which Cuba would receive more than \$50 million worth of food and medical supplies.

Veteran Jose Andreu tells The Miami Herald that he remembers “a lot of hugging and crying” when his sister, father and fiancée welcomed him back to Miami.

Tsunami debris team reaches Wash. coast

FORKS, Wash. (AP) — Hiking over primitive coastal trails, a team reached a dock that apparently floated from Japan after last year’s tsunami and just washed ashore on a Washington beach, and an official said the group found Japanese writing inside the structure. The team of tsunami debris experts is trying to confirm that the dock is from Japan and drifted for more than a year before winding up on one of the most remote beaches on the U.S. West Coast. The team did not find an identifying plaque like the one found on a dock that washed ashore last June at Newport, Ore., said Kim Schmanke, a spokeswoman for the state Ecology Department. That dock was confirmed as debris from the March 2011 Japanese tsunami. The writing and fresh photos are being shared with the Japanese consulate in an effort to confirm this dock as tsunami debris, the spokeswoman said.

The debris team took live samples of potentially invasive species for lab analysis, inspected five dock surfaces and attached a tracking beacon. The crew also took samples to check for any radioactivity, although state Health Department experts consider that highly unlikely, Schmanke said.

The dock was spotted Tuesday by the Coast Guard on Washington’s rugged Olympic Peninsula. The site is about five miles from the nearest road. On Thursday, a swollen stream blocked the debris team from reaching the dock.

The Washington dock is believed to be similar to the 165-ton concrete and steel dock that washed ashore at Newport. Looking like a railroad boxcar, it was 66 feet long, 19 feet wide and 7 feet high. A plaque identified it as one of four owned by Aomori Prefecture that broke loose from the port of Misawa during the tsunami.

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Denver Broncos strong safety Mike Adams holds up the ball during the first half against the Kansas City Chiefs in Kansas City, Mo. Adams is scheduled to face his old team, the Cleveland Browns, at home on Sunday (AP Photo)

Adams gets chance for playoffs

Former Browns safety enjoying success in Denver

DENVER (AP) — He was a veteran deemed expendable by his old team when the Denver Broncos came calling, figuring an extra dose of savvy in the backfield might help them get where they were trying to go. Unlike Peyton Manning, however, strong safety Mike Adams didn't know how to navigate the road to the Super Bowl. In fact, he had never even been to the playoffs.

The ninth-year veteran spent five of those years with the Cleveland Browns, a team in a near-constant state of turmoil, rebuilding, hiring, firing and, of course, losing.

On Sunday, it will be Adams going against his old team, which is guaranteed another losing record, while his new team is taking him on his first ride to the playoffs, with many signs pointing toward a deep run.

Adams still has many good friends in Cleveland. But this is football. It's a business. And like Manning, Adams is in his 30s. He knows he doesn't have that many more chances at a Super Bowl ring.

"I don't feel sorry for them at all," Adams said. "Ever since I got there, they've been trying to rebuild. At some point, you just move forward. But that's them. I'm here. It's different now. I'm happy. I'm content."

The Broncos (11-3) have had their playoff spot wrapped up for three weeks now and are looking at bigger things. They are slotted into the No. 2 seed in the AFC and with a win over Cleveland (5-9) and next week against an even worse team, Kansas City, they'll have a first-round bye in the playoffs.

The Broncos are on a roll: Nine-game winning streak, only team in the league with offense (fifth) and defense

See ADAMS, 5B

Elimination comes early

Steelers, Bengals starting playoffs today

PITTSBURGH (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell wants the league to consider expanding the playoffs.

Consider the Pittsburgh Steelers and Cincinnati Bengals a litmus test.

The official postseason doesn't start for another two weeks, but the AFC North rivals are getting an early start on Sunday in what amounts

to an elimination game. The Steelers (7-7) need two wins to play into January while the Bengals (8-6) need at least one more victory to assure themselves a rare second straight playoff berth.

Cincinnati hasn't made consecutive postseason appearances since 1981-82, or before all but five players on the current roster were even born.

See STEELERS, 5B



Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker LaMarr Woodley looks on during practice in Pittsburgh Wednesday. The Steelers play the Bengals today. (AP Photo)

► NCAA BASKETBALL — BUCKEYES FALL TO KANSAS ON HOME FLOOR

Location isn't everything

No. 9 Jayhawks shake off No. 7 Buckeyes

COLUMBUS (AP) — It's not supposed to be this easy for a kid playing his first collegiate road game.

Kansas' Ben McLemore, a redshirt freshman surrounded

in the starting lineup by seniors, didn't let the raucous crowd, the travel or sleeping in a strange bed bother him.

McLemore scored 22 points and No. 9 Kansas proved it was more than just a bully at home by beating seventh-ranked Ohio State 74-66 on Saturday.

"This was great. It was my first time playing in an away game," McLemore said with a slight smile. "You go up and down the court a little bit, and you get into the game. I kept my intensity, I just played my game."

For that matter, none of the Jayhawks had yet played a true road game this season. Kansas, which has won nine in a row since losing to Michigan State 67-64 on Nov. 13 in Atlanta, came in 7-0 at home, with two other games played before friendly fans in nearby Kansas City.

They had barely heard a boo all season.

No wonder coach Bill Self was a little worried.

"I had concerns, for sure," Self said. "Our seniors are good and quality and they've been through some things, but against a team that pressures man-to-man and you're playing with one primarily (ball) handler? That was my biggest concern."

But the Jayhawks (10-1) weathered a 14-0 run by the Buckeyes (9-2) in the first half that turned the volume

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► MLB



Pittsburgh Pirates closer Joel Hanrahan delivers during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants in Pittsburgh. (AP Photo)

AP Source: Pirates trade Hanrahan

Bucs, Red Sox near deal for closer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Boston Red Sox are pursuing another burly right-hander to shore up their bullpen.

A person familiar with the talks said the Red Sox and Pirates are close to completing a trade that would send All-Star closer Joel Hanrahan to Boston for a handful of prospects.

Pittsburgh would ship Hanrahan and another player to the Red Sox in exchange for four players, including outfielder-first baseman Jerry Sands and minor league pitcher Stolmy Pimentel. The person spoke on condition of anonymity Saturday because the trade was pending physicals and had not been finalized.

The deal was previously reported by several media outlets.

The 31-year-old Hanrahan has been one of baseball's best closers the last

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► PREP ROUNDUP



Salem's Cierra Trybend and West Branch's Melinda Trimmer go for a rebound during Saturday afternoon's contest between Salem and West Branch. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

West Branch tops Salem

Lady Warriors ride strong defensive performance to win

SALEM — Brittany Bryte netted a game-high 14 points, including four 3-pointers, to lead the West Branch Lady Warriors to their sixth win of the season with a 58-23 victory over rival Salem on Saturday afternoon.

West Branch improves to 6-1 on the season, 3-1 in Northeastern Buckeye Conference play.

"We shot the ball really well and when you can do that on the road, that opens up a lot of things," West Branch head coach Walt DeShields said. "We established ourselves on the defensive end and got some scoring from other girls besides our top contributors."

Amanda Linhart and Pavin Heath also joined Bryte in double figures, with 11 and ten points, respectively. Linhart also led the

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1933 — Montreal's Howie Morenz scores his 251st goal to become the NHL's career goal-scoring leader. Morenz's goal caps the Canadiens' 3-0 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.

1951 — Norm Van Brocklin's 73-yard touchdown pass to Tom Fears in the fourth quarter gives the Los Angeles Rams a 24-17 victory over the Cleveland Browns for the NFL title.

1962 — Tommy Brooker kicks a 25-yard field goal 17:54 into overtime, giving the Dallas Texans a 20-17 victory over Houston for the AFL title.

1978 — Bryan Trottier has five goals and three assists to lead the New York Islanders to a 9-4 victory over the Rangers. Trottier sets an NHL record with three goals and three assists in the second period.

1996 — Barry Sanders of the Detroit Lions rushes for 175 yards in a 24-14 loss to San Francisco to finish with 1,553 yards for the season. It's Sanders' third straight season with at least 1,500 yards rushing, a first in the NFL.

2001 — Baltimore blanks Cincinnati 16-0 at PSINet Stadium, marking the first time an NFL team has shut out an opponent at home over three seasons since the Oakland Raiders did it to San Diego from 1975-77.

2007 — The New England Patriots set an NFL record with their 15th win, the best start in league history, with a 28-7 victory over the Miami Dolphins.

2008 — The Boston Celtics set a franchise record with their 19th consecutive victory, beating the Philadelphia 76ers 110-91. The Celtics improve to 27-2 — the best start for a two-loss team in NBA history. The 19-game winning streak breaks the Celtics record set in 1981-82.

2009 — Maya Moore scores 23 points and Tina Charles adds 20 to help top-ranked Connecticut win its 49th straight game, an 80-68 victory over No. 2 Stanford.

2010 — Sidney Crosby extends his points streak to 23 games with a goal and an assist, and Pascal Dupuis scores the decisive goal in the seventh round of a shootout to give the Pittsburgh Penguins a 3-2 victory over the Washington Capitals. Crosby has the NHL's longest points streak since 1992-93 when Quebec's Mats Sundin had a 30-game run.

NFL

Steelers unveil immaculate reception monument

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Franco Harris and the dynasty Pittsburgh Steelers — and even an old Oakland Raiders

linebacker — returned to the spot of the Immaculate Reception on Saturday to unveil a monument on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the play.

At a tent adjacent to Heinz Field, Harris and former Steelers teammates ignored chilly conditions during the festive ceremony.

The monument is at the exact site of Harris' famous touchdown reception at Three Rivers Stadium in a 13-7 victory over the Oakland Raiders in an AFC play-off game on Dec. 23, 1972.

"Isn't this beautiful, guys?" Harris said to the crowd. "That play really represents our teams of the '70s."

It was a defining moment in the NFL and sparked the Steelers to a run of four Super Bowl titles from 1972-79. They went on to win two more in 2006 and '09.

"The last 40 years have been incredible," Harris said. "This is what the Pittsburgh Steelers are all about."

Outside the tent, Steelers faithful — many waving yellow towels and chanting, "Here we go, Steelers, here we go!" — looked on as Harris was joined on a podium by other former players, including running back Frenchy Fuqua, who was the intended target of quarterback Terry Bradshaw's pass.

But the ball deflected off either Fuqua or Raiders defensive back Jack Tatum — replays were inconclusive — and an approaching Harris scooped the ball off his shoetops and raced past Oakland linebacker Phil Villapiano



Hall of Fame running back, Pittsburgh Steelers' Franco Harris stands on the spot of the "Immaculate Reception" after a marker commemorating the 40th anniversary of the play was unveiled where Three Rivers Stadium once stood on the Northside of Pittsburgh, Saturday. It is the 40th anniversary of the play in which Harris caught a deflected Terry Bradshaw pass intended for Steelers running back John "Frenchy" Fuqua, and returned it 42 yards for a game winning touchdown against the Oakland Raiders. (AP Photo)

and defensive back Jimmy Warren into the end zone to put the Steelers ahead with 5 seconds remaining.

"There are moments in life where you know what you're doing," Harris said. "Me and Frenchy, we had no idea what we were doing."

Harris then turned to his right and spotted Villapiano sitting nearby.

"Phil Villapiano thought he knew what he was doing," Harris said.

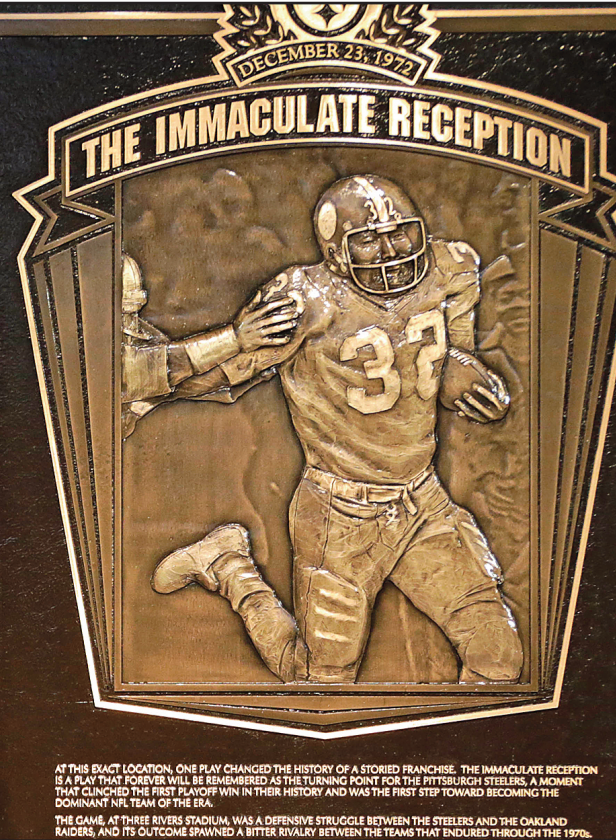
Villapiano acknowledged Harris' good-natured jab with a laugh and a nod.

"Franco and I have talked about that play a million

times," Villapiano said. "So many of those guys from the Steelers are my friends. I never thought that play would lead to so much talk and a statue. I love it. I'm really glad I came here."

As Harris and Villapiano shook hands and posed for pictures in front of the monument, Fuqua walked toward the crowd and shed a sport coat to reveal a T-shirt that read, "I'll never tell," referring to which player touched the ball before Harris made the catch.

According to NFL rules at that time, if two receivers from the same team touched



At this exact location, one play changed the history of a storied franchise. The Immaculate Reception is a play that forever will be remembered as the turning point for the Pittsburgh Steelers, a moment that clinched the first playoff win in their history and was the first step toward becoming the dominant NFL team of the era.

The game, at Three Rivers Stadium, was a defensive struggle between the Steelers and the Oakland Raiders, and its outcome spawned a bitter rivalry between the teams that endured through the 1990s.

the ball consecutively on the same play, the pass would be ruled an incomplection.

Fuqua often hints that he's the one person who knows what actually happened before Harris' Immaculate Reception. In the 2006 book, "Pittsburgh Steelers: Men of Steel," Fuqua said, "All I can tell you is that it was immaculate."

The monument, which displays a plaque of Harris bending down while running to catch the ball, was produced in Pittsburgh by Matthews International Architectural Products, the

same firm that produced a statue at PNC Park of Pittsburgh Pirates second baseman Bill Mazeroski's famous World Series-winning home run in 1960 against the New York Yankees as well as Hall of Fame plaques in Cooperstown, N.Y.

It is the third monument commissioned by the Heinz History Center acknowledging the Immaculate Reception. The others include life-size statues of Harris making his catch at Pittsburgh International Airport and at the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum.

ROUND FROM 1B

Warriors in rebounding with six boards.

Lindsey Foster paced Salem with seven points. Katherine Stiff also recorded six points for the Lady Quakers (1-7).

"West Branch is a very good team that posed many challenges for us today and we didn't step up to the challenge," Salem head coach Renee Farina said. "There's a lot of season left and we need to keep working to get better."

West Branch also won the jayvee game 25-20. Rylee Leider led Salem with eight points. Rylee Meals also chipped in with six points and seven rebounds.

WEST BRANCH: 19 16 13 10 — 58	
SALEM: 8 5 19 — 23	
WEST BRANCH SCORING: Brittany Bryle 5-0-14, Melinda Trimmer 3-1-7, Kaylee Manning 0-1-1, Pavin Heath 3-3-10, Amanda Linhart 4-3-11, Allie Garrett 1-0-3, Paige Walsh 0-2-2, Taryn hahn 2-1-6, Erica Johnson 1-0-2, Lauren Martig 1-0-2.	

TEAM TOTALS: 20, 11-22, 58.	
SALEM SCORING: Tori Jones 1-0-2, Megan Lehwald 2-0-4, Katherine Stiff 2-0-6, Lindsay Foster 2-3-7, Olivia Stiff 0-2-2, Rylee Leider 1-0-2.	
TEAM TOTALS: 8, 5-8, 23.	
THREE POINTERS: West Branch 7 (Bryle 4, Heath, Garrett, Hahn), Salem 2 (K. Stiff).	

Poland 54, Springfield 47

SPRINGFIELD — Despite being held to just two points in the second quarter, Poland rallied in the second half to take a 54-47 win from Springfield on Saturday.

Poland answered after halftime with 19 points in the third quarter.

Callie Ford led Springfield (2-6) with 20 points, including three 3-pointers. Baylee Felger added 13 points.

Aleah Hughes paced Poland with 17 points while Rachael Robertson added 16.

POLAND: 17 2 19 16 — 54	
SPRINGFIELD: 10 10 8 19 — 47	
POLAND SCORING: Baylee Felger 6-1-13, Kennedy Richey 2-0-6, Callie Ford 8-1-20, Mary Ritter 3-0-6, Emily Stacy 1-0-2.	

TEAM TOTALS: 20, 2-4, 47.	
SPRINGFIELD SCORING: Rachael Robertson 5-2-16, Kathryn Wilson 1-0-2, Theodora Constantine 4-1-9, Kasie Serich 2-2-7, Madison Walkama 0-2-2, Phoebe Bush 0-1-1, Aleah Hughes 7-3-17.	
TEAM TOTALS: 19, 11-14, 54.	
THREE POINTERS: Poland 5 (Robertson 4, Serich), Springfield 5 (Ford 3, Richey 2)	

Heartland 35, Campbell 28

COLUMBIANA — Heartland knocked off Campbell 35-28 on Saturday to improve their record to 2-6 on the season. Rosalin Morris led the Lady Lions in scoring with 16 points. Phoebe Nabors added ten points.

HEARTLAND CHRISTIAN: 8 4 12 11 — 35	
CAMPBELL: 9 7 6 — 28	
HEARTLAND SCORING: Avery Pennington 1-0-2, Phoebe Nabors 5-0-10, Ginny Burgess 1-0-2, Leah Morelli 1-1-3, Madison Pennington 0-2-2, Rosalin Morris 5-5-16.	
TEAM TOTALS: 13, 8-13, 35.	
CAMPBELL SCORING: Aaliyah Hakeem 1-1-4, Alaysha Burkett 0-0-0, Toshanna Craft 0-0-0, Amy Jackson 1-0-2, Brittany Williams 5-4-14, Johanna Villanueva 4-0-8.	
TEAM TOTALS: 11, 5-11, 28.	
THREE POINTERS: Heartland 1 (Morris), Campbell 1 (Hakeem).	



Salem's Raegan Meals battles for a loose ball with two Lady Warriors on Saturday afternoon. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

HANRAHAN FROM 1B

two years, saving 76 games from 2011-12 and making the NL All-Star team in both seasons. He made \$4.135,000 this year and is eligible for arbitration, putting him in line for a hefty raise.

The 6-foot-4, 250-pound Hanrahan and his 96 mph fastball gave the Pirates stability at the back end of the bullpen after he took over the closer's role full-time in 2011. He helped the Pirates post a 22-game improvement from 2010 to 2012. Pittsburgh went 79-83 this

year, tied for the franchise's best record in two decades — though it was still the team's 20th straight losing season.

Jason Grilli, re-signed by the Pirates this month, would likely step into the closer role next year.

The Red Sox hope Hanrahan will be able to give their beleaguered bullpen an identity. Boston slumped to a 69-93 record in 2012 thanks in part to a bullpen that struggled after closer Jonathan Papelbon left for Philadelphia in free agency. Fill-in Alfredo Aceves went 2-10 with a 5.36 ERA and eight blown saves in 33 chances as the Red Sox fin-

ished last in the AL East.

Hanrahan would team with 28-year-old righty Andrew Bailey to give the Red Sox a potent 1-2 punch in the late innings. Bailey was expected to be the closer last season but he missed most of the year with an injury. He finished 1-1 with six saves and a 7.04 ERA in 19 games for the Red Sox after spending 2009-11 as the closer in Oakland.

The move could also be a one-year experiment if the Red Sox don't sign Hanrahan to a new contract. He can become a free agent after the 2013 season.

The Pirates would get a potential slugger in the 25-

year-old Sands, who hit 296 with 26 home runs and 107 RBIs at Triple-A last season. He came to the Red Sox in a trade with the Los Angeles Dodgers and his bat and versatility could make Pittsburgh first baseman-outfielder Garrett Jones expendable. Jones hit a career-high 27 home runs in 2012, when he made \$2.25 million, and he will be eligible for arbitration after next season. The Pirates already have a first baseman in place in Gaby Sanchez, who came over in a trade with the Miami Marlins last season.

The proposed trade caps a

busy few days for the Pirates, who have agreed in principal to sign former Minnesota Twins and Chicago White Sox left-hander Francisco Liriano. The \$14 million, two-year deal is pending a physical.

Liriano would give Pittsburgh four experienced starters heading into 2013, joining A.J. Burnett, Wandy Rodriguez and James McDonald. The 29-year-old Liriano is 53-54 with a 4.40 ERA in seven major league seasons. He went 6-12 with a 5.34 ERA in 2012 while splitting the season between the Twins and White Sox.

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up in Value City Arena to 11 on a scale of 10. Then, down in the second half, they held cold-shooting Ohio State without a field goal for more than 10 minutes to take control.

The Buckeyes, who were led by Deshaun Thomas' 16 points and a career-best 15 by Shannon Scott, hit just 9 of 36 shots from the field in the final 20 minutes. For the game, they ended up making only 31 percent of their shots from the field.

No wonder coach Thad Matta looked so stunned when he spoke after the game.

"There was one point in the second half where I turned to the bench and I said, 'Hey, let's call a play where we score,'" he said, heavy on the irony. "A lot of it just comes down to you've got to put the ball in the basket in a game like this and we couldn't do it. It became contagious."

Sixty percent of the starting lineup — star defender Aaron Craft, usually reliable Lenzelle Smith Jr. and post man Evan Ravenel — was a combined 5 of 24 from the field.

Credit the Jayhawks, who play withering man-to-man defense and then are backed up by the incredible wingspan of 7-foot Jeff Withey underneath. Or

blame the Buckeyes, who frequently were all alone when they bricked a shot off the rim. But no matter the reason, Ohio State couldn't buy a bucket for most of the second half.

It was the third victory for the Jayhawks in little more than a year over the Buckeyes (9-2). Kansas won a 64-62 thriller in last year's NCAA semifinals.

"Today's probably the best we've played against Ohio State in the three games," Self said. "We were really good except for about a 3-minute stretch in the first half when they went on a (14-0) run. Other than that stretch, that was a pretty good 35 minutes we played out there."

Withey added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Jayhawks. Elijah Johnson had 13 points and Travis Releford 11.

They weathered Ohio State's first-half tear by relying on the seniors.

"We have a good group of vets and we've been in tough situations before," Withey said. "We just bounced back. We just had to kind of breathe a little bit."

Ahead 56-52 with 7 minutes left, Kansas pulled away thanks to its McLemore. He hit a pair of foul shots and then flipped in a 15-foot jumper that bounced not once, not twice, but three times before falling through. Off an inbounds pass,

McLemore then came off a back pick and dunked to push the lead to 62-52 with 5 minutes left.

The Buckeyes never got closer than six points again.

Self said he found out a little more about McLemore in the game.

"There's a lot of stuff I'm curious about Ben," he said. "He's still trying to figure out how to play. You can tell in late-game situations, he's played less basketball than anybody that's as old as him and as good as him around. It's all new to him. When it all comes naturally to him, he's going to become terrific."

In his first road game, he already was.

► NBA

Cavaliers beat Milwaukee 94-82

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Cleveland Cavaliers had a plan and worked it to perfection.

 Dion Waiters scored 18 points, and the Cavaliers snapped a six-game losing streak with a 94-82 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday night.

Cavaliers coach Byron Scott knew he had to slow down Brandon Jennings and Monta Ellis. Cleveland shut down Jennings, but Ellis shredded the defense and scored a season-high 37 points.

"With that backcourt and the type of the firepower they have, you have to slow one of them down," Scott said. "We kept Jennings in check pretty much the whole

night. That was a big time key."

Jennings was 3 of 13 from the floor. Ellis was 15 of 27.

Cleveland had all five starters score in double figures, which offset Ellis' performance.

C.J. Miles added 16 points, and Kyrie Irving had 15 for the Cavaliers, playing without starting center Anderson Varejao for the third straight game because of a bruised right knee.

Tristan Thompson had 14 points and 14 rebounds, Tyler Zeller, who started for Varejao, had 11 points and 10 boards. Alonzo Gee finished with 10 points for the Cavaliers.

"We came in with the mindset that we are going to compete for 48 minutes," Irving said. "Once we go out there and perform the way we do, it all speaks for itself."

The Bucks had won the previous nine games against the Cavaliers.

Both teams played Friday night, but Cleveland came out with more energy and led the entire game. The Cavaliers fell to Indiana 99-89 at home one night earlier, and Milwaukee beat Boston 99-94 in overtime on the road.

"We did start the game off kind of slow," Ellis said. "They built the early lead. They sustained it the whole game. We made our run, but never could get back enough to change the momentum of the game."

Marquis Daniels scored nine points for Milwaukee.

Daniels said the game in Boston wasn't the reason for the loss to Cleveland on Saturday.

"We're never going to say

we're tired or anything," he said. "Shots weren't falling. Give them all the credit. They played good defense. They had a plan. They came in and stuck with it."

Milwaukee shot 31 of 79 (39.2 percent). Cleveland was 38 of 88 (43.2 percent).

After Milwaukee cut it its deficit to four points with 6:32 left, Zeller made two free throws, and Miles added a jumper to give the Cavaliers an 86-72 lead.

NOTES: Zeller made his third consecutive start in place of Varejao. Zeller missed his first 10 shots before scoring on a putback in the third. ... Referee Haywoode Workman played eight seasons for four teams in the NBA, including 1999-2000 for the Bucks. ... Varejao stayed in Cleveland to receive treatment. ...

► NCAA BASKETBALL

No. 11 Cincinnati beats Wright State 68-58

CINCINNATI (AP) — Wright State wasn't going let any of Cincinnati's top scorers have their way, instead forcing someone else to become the leader. JaQuon Parker sensed it would have to be him.

Parker scored 16 of his 21 points in the second half Saturday, and No. 11 Cincinnati remained unbeaten by overcoming another poor start for a 68-58 victory over the Raiders.

The Bearcats improved to 12-0 for the eighth time in school history and the second time in three seasons. Cincinnati won its first 15 games in 2010-11.

For the second game in a row, the Bearcats struggled in half-court offense and scored only 22 points in the first half. Parker scored Cincinnati's first eight in the second half, sparking a 23-6 run that put the Bearcats in control. The 21 points matched his season high.

Wright State (8-4) set its defense to prevent Sean Kilpatrick and point guard Cashmere Wright — the Bearcats' top two threats — from getting open shots. Parker saw the Raiders trying to prevent Kilpatrick from getting the ball and figured somebody else had to take advantage of the openings.

"I kind of sensed that,"

Parker said. "I saw they were basically denying SK the whole game. That made the driving lanes easier for us."

When Parker's shots started falling, he got confidence and took more of them.

"When you're feeling like that, it's kind of crazy," said Parker, who finished 8 of 15 from the field. "You don't want to force nothing. You want to take good shots for all of them to fall."

Wright State's strategy was to force one of Cincinnati's complementary scorers to step up.

"We were going to make other guys beat us than Cashmere Wright and Sean Kilpatrick," coach Billy Donlon said. "JaQuon Parker stepped up. He big-bodied our guards down the lane. He was the difference. He stepped up and won them the game."

Titus Rubles added 11 points and nine rebounds. Justin Jackson had nine points, seven rebounds and two of Cincinnati's 10 blocked shots.

Wright State got 14 points from Jerran Young and 13 from J.T. Yoho.

The Bearcats have won all nine games in the series, including a 78-58 victory at Wright State last season.

Cincinnati was coming off a 60-45 win over crosstown

rival Xavier on Wednesday, an emotional game that often leaves both teams a little flat for the next one. On Xavier's campus 2½ miles away, the Musketeers lost to Wofford 56-55 on Saturday afternoon. Cincinnati came out flat and found itself trailing 5-4 after 5½ minutes.

Coach Mick Cronin had warned his team about a let-down.

"We were saying how some of the high-major teams were beat by the mid-majors," Rubles said. "We've seen it for ourselves, so we don't want to be one of them. He did bring it up, but he didn't have to remind us. We've seen that, and we don't want to be one of those teams."

Still, Cincinnati let Wright State make it a game.

The Bearcats opened only 2 for 10 from the field with a pair of turnovers. Wright State missed its first 10 shots, getting its first five points on free throws. The Raiders' first field goal came on Cole Darling's 3-pointer with 13 minutes left in the half.

The Raiders led 15-11 after the first 11 minutes despite going 3 of 17 from the field. They didn't turn the ball over against Cincinnati's defense, which couldn't get into its full-court pressure. At one point, Cronin

stomped his right foot on the floor and yelled at a player, "Wake up!"

He was mostly upset with the forced shots.

"We're settling for tough shots," Cronin said. "It's fool's gold at the end of the day. You're not going to beat quality teams unless you get quality shots out of your offense. At times this year, we've made tough shots, but we can't rely on that."

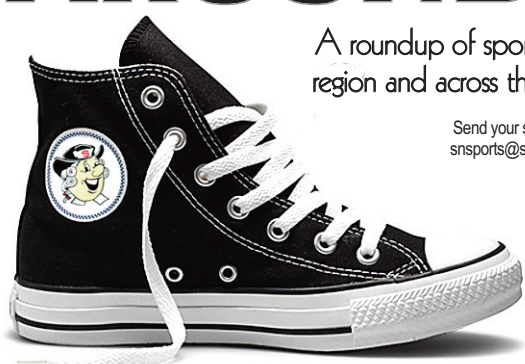
Young's driving layup put Wright State ahead 28-22 at halftime, another poor start for Cincinnati. The Bearcats trailed Xavier 24-22 at halftime on Wednesday, part of a recent trend of struggling to make shots in the opening 20 minutes.

Tavares Sledge opened the second half with a driving basket that gave Wright State a 30-22 lead, the Raiders' biggest of the game. Parker asserted himself and took control at that point, sending Cincinnati ahead to stay.

Parker had a three-point play, a 3-pointer and a fast-break layup for an eight-point run that tied it. He scored 15 points overall during the 23-6 spurt that opened the second half and gave the Bearcats a 45-34 lead.

Wright State never got closer than seven points the rest of the way.

AROUND THE HORN



A roundup of sports in the region and across the nation

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TJD Sports basketball tournament

EAST LIVERPOOL — The 22nd annual T.J.D Sports 4th, 5th and 6th grade basketball tournament will be held from February 25-March 15 at Westgate Middle School in East Liverpool. The tournament is open for both boys and girls. Each team is guaranteed four games. They entry fee is \$125 and must be submitted by February 18.

For more information, contact Steve Dawson at 330-386-4658 or 330-383-3259

Youth baseball clinic set

SALEM — The Salem Community Center in association with the Salem Junior Baseball League will be holding a Youth Baseball Clinic for players in grades 2-6. The clinic will be held on Sundays, January 13 to March 10 (no clinic February 3) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each week.

Cost for the clinic is \$50 for the 8-week session. Space is limited so register early to ensure your spot. Please register at the SCC Front Desk or by phone: 330-332-5885. For more information visit www.salemcommunitycenter.com.

Center Circle competitive youth basketball

SALEM — The Salem Community Center's new competitive basketball league is set to provide children in grades 2-6 the opportunity to play at the next level. Participants will face stiffer competition and a more aggressive style of play.

The league will be played on Sundays beginning Jan. 6 and concluding Feb. 24. Cost is \$200 per team (does not include referee fees) with a five-player minimum/12 player maximum roster size. Deadline for registration is Dec. 12. Registration is done on a team basis and teams may be co-ed, but it is not a requirement. The league is open to players in grades 4-6.

Please register at the SCC Front Desk or by phone at 330-332-5885.

For more information please visit www.salemcommunitycenter.com.

Winter adult volleyball league set

SALEM — Registration is now open through Dec. 17 for the upcoming Winter Adult Co-ed Volleyball League. The league will run Jan. 6 through March 17 and conclude with a single elimination tournament to determine the league champion. The cost of the league is \$200 and offers both recreational and competitive divisions. Space is limited.

Visit www.salemcommunitycenter.com or call 330-332-5885 for more information.

Friday night adult hoops league

SALEM — The Salem Community Center's Friday Night Adult Basketball will run every Friday from Dec. 14 through March 29 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 each Friday per player. All money will be collected at Center Circle. There are no teams

Boise State wins Vegas Bowl, beating Washington

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Little Michael Frisina came up big for Boise State, kicking a 27-yard field goal with 1:16 left to give the No. 20 Broncos a 28-26 victory over Washington in the Las Vegas Bowl on Saturday.

Frisina, who stands 5-foot-5, made the winning kick after Washington had taken the lead for the first time on Travis Coons' 38-yard field goal. Boise State (11-2) sealed the win when Jeremy Ioane intercepted Joe Southwick's pass as the Huskies (7-6) neared midfield.

It was the third Las Vegas Bowl win in a row for the Broncos, who had to overcome a 205-yard rushing game by Bishop Sankey against a normally stingy Boise State defense.

Frisina was only 12 for 17 on field goals coming into the game, but kicked three of them.

Temple upsets No. 3 Syracuse

NEW YORK (AP) — Khalif Wyatt had never been in Madison Square Garden let alone played there.

The Philadelphia native left the building on Saturday after scoring a career-high 33 points and being the key to Temple beating No. 3 Syracuse 83-79 in the first Chevrolet Gotham Classic.

"I always wanted to play here because all the great players had a chance to play here," the 6-foot-4 senior said. "This was a chance for us to show everyone that Temple is a real program."

Anthony Lee had a career-high 21 points for the Owls (9-2), who were coming off a 10-point home loss to Canisius.

"I don't think we would have won today without the loss in the last game," Temple coach Fran Dunphy said. "Our guys did a great job today. I wish it was worth more than one victory."

This is the fifth straight season Temple has beaten a top 10 team while being unranked.

The latest win in that stretch game with the combination of Wyatt from the outside and Lee inside.

"We wanted to go inside and out and that meant me going up strong and fighting for rebounds," said Lee, who had nine rebounds, five offensive, and worked the baseline again and again against Syracuse's vaunted zone. "That's playing the Temple game."

Dunphy said Wyatt challenged himself after a poor game against Canisius.

"He made some really

good plays when we were struggling to score and had to stay in the game," Dunphy said.

The Orange led by two at halftime but never took a lead in the second half even though there were four ties, the last at 59-59 with 10:23 to play.

C.J. Fair had a career-high 25 points for Syracuse (10-1), which had its 52-game regular-season nonconference winning streak snapped. Jim Boeheim remained at 900 wins, two behind Bob Knight for second place all-time among Division I men's coaches. Duke's Mike Krzyzewski has 938 wins.

Wyatt made all 15 of his free throw attempts and Lee was 11 of 14 as the Owls were 29 of 36 overall.

Syracuse was 19 of 34 from the line including missing four in the final 6 minutes when it was mostly a one-possession game and point guard Michael Carter-Williams finished 7 of 15.

"They made free throws, we didn't," Boeheim said. "You don't like to say it comes down to that, but when you miss 15 free throws it's tough to win any game."

Carter-Williams took the heat.

"If I make free throws we win the game," he said.

Temple hit three 3-pointers in an 11-3 run that gave it the lead for good. Scootie Randall started the run with a 3 that broke the 59-all tie. He closed the run with another 3, his only points of the game.

The 3-point line also hurt the Orange, who were 2 of 12 from behind the arc while Temple was 8 of 24.

"It was one of those nights when it wouldn't fall," said Fair, whose only 3-point attempt of the game brought the Orange within 74-72 with 3:01 left but the Owls went 11 of 15 from the free throw line over the final 2:30.

Temple's last field goal was an offensive rebound by Quenton DeCosey with 5:41 left that gave the Owls a 72-66 lead.

Rahlir Hollis-Jefferson had four points and 10 rebounds for the Owls.

Brandon Triche had 17 points for Syracuse. Baye Moussa Keita added 12 and Carter-Williams, who leads the nation in assists at 10.7 per game, had 13 points and six assists.

"Wyatt was able to create a lot of contact and that got him to the free throw line," Carter-Williams said. "They didn't play off me and I have to get used to that. We have to learn from this. It's a long season."

Temple missed 10 of its first 12 shots in falling behind 19-10. The Owls, behind Wyatt who had 20 points in the first half, started hitting shots against the Orange's zone defense and they made nine of their next 14 shots and tied the game at 35. Syracuse scored five straight points but Wyatt capped his big half with a 3-pointer with 17 seconds left and Temple was within 40-38 at halftime.

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Best NFL rookie class? Could be

As the guy who drafted Peyton Manning, Bill Polian knows something about quarterbacks. Polian calls this year's class of rookie QBs the best since 1983, when guys named Elway, Marino and Kelly were selected.



There's one huge difference: Russell Wilson, Robert Griffin III and Andrew Luck are playing key roles on contending teams. In some ways, they are the main reasons their teams are in the championship chase. It's happened before, even as recently as last year when defensive end J.J. Watt of Houston and linebacker Von Miller of Denver were major contributors on playoff clubs. But quarterbacks, where experience and decision making have always

been at a premium, particularly in the postseason? Polian sees three reasons for it, starting with the salary cap and free agency. "High level rookies now are expected to come in and play, filling roles vacated by players who went to other times because of free agency and the salary cap," says the man who built the Bills, Panthers and Colts into Super Bowl teams. It's very different from when rookies expected to wait their turn and had a period of breaking in. "Second, the passing game's development: receivers and quarterbacks most notably, and of course running backs, are much more prepared to come in and play now. There's an accent on the passing game all the way down to junior high school. They are much more capable of stepping in and learning an offense and throwing the ball and under-

standing routes and, to a degree, coverages. "Third, I think coaches now have recognized that they are going to have to play younger players, and in large measure have done away with their instant distrust of rookies. If they believe they have the talent, coaches will put them in and let them play." Luck and Griffin, the top two overall picks in April's draft, and Wilson, a third-rounder, have played from the outset. Only Seattle's Wilson was a surprise starter, but he easily beat out high-priced free agent Matt Flynn during the summer. Luck was selected by Indianapolis and Griffin by Washington not only to turn around suddenly downtrodden franchises, but to invigorate them. Both have done more than anyone could expect in Year 1, with Indianapolis (9-5) needing one victory to claim a wild-card

berth, and Washington (8-6) earning the NFC East title if it wins its final two games. Wilson has the Seahawks (9-5) are poised to make the playoffs, too. And the stats are, well, record-setting. This year's group of rookie quarterbacks, which also includes Ryan Tannehill in Miami, Brandon Weeden in Cleveland, Nick Foles in Philadelphia, Kirk Cousins in Washington (when RG3 was hurt last week) and Ryan Lindley in Arizona — had 39 wins, 18,220 yards passing, 92 TD passes and 1,531 completions. All records for a rookie class. It's a crop that also includes some superb running backs in Washington's Alfred Morris, Tampa Bay's Doug Martin and Cleveland's Trent Richardson, and defensive playmakers in Carolina LB Luke Kuechly,

Seattle LB Bobby Wagner, New England end Chandler Jones, and cornerbacks Janoris Jenkins of St. Louis and Casey Hayward of Green Bay. But most impressive are the quarterbacks who realistically can turn their attention from the Offensive Rookie of the Year race to the Super Bowl chase. "What you see is guys who have been leaders and have done it," says Tony Dungy, who coached the Colts built by Polian to the 2006 NFL title. "These guys are winners. They can step into the huddle — Luck was in charge from the first practice, he had command and respect from Day 1. "RG3 has been around big-time performers as an elite track guy and running in meets with Olympic-level runners. Russell Wilson was playing minor league baseball and thinking of the

major leagues. "That to me has stood out with these three guys; none came in thinking 'I will be a backup and learn the ropes.' Instead, it's, 'How can I play and lead us to playoffs?'" Rookies have done that, with recent examples Ben Roethlisberger, Joe Flacco and Mark Sanchez. But they weren't focal points on those squads, which featured staunch defenses and strong running games. In some ways, they were along for the ride. This year's rookies are driving. "None of these guys is surprised they are on winning teams," Dungy says. "They are used to being the reason their teams win, it is not anything that has caught them off-guard. "They come in with higher expectations and it helps them reach their goals."

Benched QB Sanchez mum on future with Jets

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — Mark Sanchez knows he won't be the New York Jets' starting quarterback this week. Beyond that, the one-time face of the franchise won't say whether he thinks he'll be back with the team next season. "I really haven't even thought about it," Sanchez said Friday. "Honestly, I'm a Jet. That's all I've known." Sanchez struggled mightily Monday night in a 14-10 loss at Tennessee, throwing four interceptions and losing the football on New York's final offensive play as the Jets were eliminated from playoff contention. Coach Rex Ryan decided Tuesday to give Greg McElroy the start Sunday against San Diego at MetLife Stadium. Whether Sanchez has played his final snap for the Jets remains to be seen. A person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Thursday

that the Jets will consider all of their options regarding Sanchez and backup Tim Tebow. Trades in the offseason cannot be ruled out, but the person, who requested anonymity because the team's personnel plans are private, told the AP that the Jets have not made any determinations involving Sanchez or Tebow. "I'm focused on this game and the game next week," Sanchez said, declining to address any trade rumors. "We'll assess all that stuff at a later date." Ryan also would not comment on the futures of the quarterbacks, and wouldn't announce who McElroy's backup will be against the Chargers. "Quite honestly, it's going to be a coach's decision and I'll go ahead and make that decision later," Ryan said. "I've said there's a possibility all three guys will be up and there's a possibility two will be up. I'm not going to make

that decision just yet." Ryan added that it's possible that "maybe" he has decided already and just won't say. Either way, Sanchez will not be under center at the start of the game for only the second time in his career, and first for something other than an injury. McElroy took the majority of the snaps with the first-team offense throughout the week, making for a somewhat strange scene as both Sanchez and Tebow watched. "I wouldn't say it's been normal," Sanchez said. "In that way, it's different, but at the same time, you have to be a pro, do the right thing, help Greg and prepare him like I always do." The Jets will likely be hard-pressed to trade or cut Sanchez, who is due \$8.25 million in guarantees next season after having his contract extended last offseason. He would cost the Jets a \$17.1 million salary cap hit

next season if he is cut, but New York could spread that amount over the next two seasons if he is released after June 1. The salary cap hit would still be a costly \$8.9 million if the Jets do find a willing trading partner. That could be further complicated by the fact Sanchez has turned the ball over an NFL-leading 50 times since the start of last season. Tebow, who will be traded or cut before the NFL's free agency period begins in March, has two years remaining on his contract. But it would cost the Jets only a little more than \$1 million against the salary cap if they cut him. Meanwhile, McElroy will be making his first NFL start on Sunday after he made his first appearance three weeks ago against Arizona and helped New York to a 7-6 win after coming in for a benched Sanchez. The for-

mer Alabama star said friends asked him if he was excited the world didn't end, as the Mayan calendar predicted for Friday, before he got out there against the Chargers. "Yeah, I'm glad that we're still around," a smiling McElroy said. "I'm glad that everything's OK. I wasn't really worried about it." McElroy, who was 5 of 7 for 29 yards and the game's only touchdown against Arizona, hasn't felt any awkwardness among his fellow quarterbacks, considering he's starting for the former fifth overall draft pick in 2009 and leapfrogged Tebow on the depth chart. "They've been extremely helpful and I'm very grateful for that," McElroy said. "I'm just thankful to have such great guys in the (quarterbacks) room with me." The biggest change during the week, McElroy said, was the number of interviews he

had to do once Ryan named him the starter. "I'm probably getting sunburnt from the lights," the fair-skinned and freckle-faced McElroy said, laughing. "That's about it." **NOTES:** TE Dustin Keller (sprained ankle) and DB Aaron Berry (hamstring) are doubtful and unlikely to play Sunday. ... Defensive coordinator Mike Pettine, a close friend of Ryan, turned down a contract extension during the season, according to the Daily News. That means he could opt to leave for a similar position or head coaching job elsewhere. Ryan wouldn't comment, but said he thinks there isn't "any doubt" Pettine could be an NFL head coach. ... Antonio Cromartie, who has filled in admirably for the injured Darrelle Revis as the team's top cornerback, was selected by teammates as the Jets' MVP.

Giants, Ravens seek to regain that winning feeling

BALTIMORE (AP) — The New York Giants have enough problems of their own to consider those of the Baltimore Ravens, who have lost three straight and are carrying an injured list that includes a half-dozen key players. New York (8-6) has dropped four of six to fall into a three-way tie atop the NFC East. The skid includes

a humbling 34-0 defeat in Atlanta last week. So forgive the Giants for ignoring the plight of the Ravens, their opponent Sunday in a duel between two teams desperate for a victory. "It's hard for me to say what situation that Baltimore is in," New York coach Tom Coughlin said. "I'm still stuck on our situation, and

ours has been a year of inconsistency where we look as if we can play against anybody, and then we stub our toes. "When we do that, we seem to — as in last weekend — embarrass ourselves. I really couldn't comment on Baltimore. I just know we're trying to achieve a high level of play at this time of the

year, because it's so absolutely critical for us." The Giants were 7-7 last season before winning their final two games and putting together a playoff push that ended with a Super Bowl win over New England. New York hopes to duplicate that formula this year, but there is no guarantee of an encore. "Yeah, we've done it be-

fore, but this is a totally different year," defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul said. "We don't have the same guys on the team as last year. You don't know what the outcome will be. We have to go out this Sunday and play our hearts out and hopefully the next weekend, the game after that against the Eagles, and get in the playoffs. Each

game right now is a must-win game for us. We put that on ourselves, and that's a consequence of it." Instead of considering their accomplishment of last season, the Giants can draw strength from their lopsided victories this year over some very good teams — including San Francisco (26-3) and Green Bay (38-10).

ADAMS FROM 1B (fourth) each ranked in the top five. Heck, they even resolved one of their few weaknesses — turnovers — last week, going without one for the first time in 21 games, including the playoffs. Their turnover margin is now even after languishing in the red most of the season. Their goal of showing improvement every week has, by almost all measures, been reached. What more could there be to improve upon?

"What's the difference between getting better and getting a lot better?" said Manning, who last week surpassed 4,000 yards passing for the 12th time in his career. "It's just improvement. You want to improve and you want to try to keep winning at the same time." With Manning setting the tone, the Broncos have shown a remarkably disciplined penchant for staying on point, not looking ahead and treating the next team on the schedule like the '72 Dolphins no matter what the record. In most cases, that record hasn't been good.

During the nine-game winning streak, the Broncos have beaten only two teams that currently have winning records. Last week's 34-17 win over Baltimore (9-5) was one of the few true litmus tests during the stretch. The Browns? Well, they had won three in a row before last week's 38-21 loss to Washington. "I've said all year long, we don't look at teams' records, we look at the tape and they're very capable," coach John Fox said, repeating one of his most-used bromides. And, in fact, there are signs that Cleveland could

be building for a brighter future. With two games to go, Brandon Weeden, a quarterback the Broncos considered drafting had the Manning deal not worked out, has 3,281 yards — seventh most of any rookie in NFL history. Meanwhile, rookie running back Trent Richardson, the 11th rushing touchdowns, surpassing the rookie record set by another fairly famous Brown — Jim Brown. Coach Pat Shurmur, who may be coaching his last games in Cleveland, is being careful of setting up the

Broncos as a measuring stick for his team. The Browns are 13-point underdogs. "You add 'em up at the end and you decide how the year went," Shurmur said. "Unfortunately, we're one of 20 teams that won't be in the playoffs, so what we need to do is make this the best week of preparation we can, and we need to get on a plane and play winning football." Over his eight years before arriving in Denver, Adams was only part of one winning team — the 2007 Browns, who went 10-6 but missed the playoffs. The last time he

played for a championship was when he was the captain of the University of Delaware team that won the Division I-AA title. That was in 2003. He's hoping for another kind of championship in February 2013. "We dream of the confetti coming down," Adams said. "Going a whole career and not going to the playoffs, sometimes you try to set goals a little lower. You say, 'I hope I make the playoffs now.' But now that we're going to the playoffs, now the goals are set higher, especially for this team."

STEELERS FROM 1B "We can't control the past," wide receiver A.J. Green said. Maybe, but the Bengals control the present. They've won five out of six — the only loss coming on a last-second field goal loss to Dallas — and can still capture the AFC North title with victories over the Steelers and Ravens and a little help. Headly territory for a franchise that has spent most of the last two decades serving as both a national punching bag for its two main rivals, though the Bengals are downplaying the chance to make a statement against teams considered part of the NFL's elite. "It's not as much about Pittsburgh as it is about us," left tackle Andrew Whit-

worth said. "We've got an opportunity to go to the playoffs." Amazingly, the Steelers do too, despite their second-worst stretch in coach Mike Tomlin's six years on the job. Pittsburgh has dropped four of five, including baffling losses to Cleveland and San Diego. Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has been nursing a sprained shoulder and the nagging perception he and offensive coordinator Todd Haley won't be exchanging Christmas cards. Roethlisberger vented about the direction of the offense after a 27-24 overtime loss to Dallas last weekend, though he backtracked a few days later and Tomlin insisted his franchise cornerstone and his fiery coordinator are on the same page. Maybe, but the latest dust-up offered another

chapter in an increasingly long series of melodramas that have evaporated the sense of optimism following a 24-20 victory over the New York Giants on Nov. 4 that appeared to cement the notion the Steelers were back after a slow start. Wide receiver Mike Wallace, in the midst of a contract season, was booed lustily after poor play against the Chargers, a loss running back Rashard Mendenhall didn't even bother to show up for after being made inactive. Tomlin suspended Mendenhall a game for conduct detrimental to the team, though the mercurial back hardly seemed remorseful upon his return this week. Throw in the ongoing saga of Roethlisberger and Haley and it's no wonder things appear worse than they actually are in a place known

for stability and sustained success. "I don't know what it is this year or what we've done to make people feel like everything we've done isn't football mistakes, it's off the field mistakes when that's not the case," Wallace said. "We feel like everybody is locked in." The Steelers don't really have a choice if they want to salvage their season. Pittsburgh has won five straight over Cincinnati — including a 24-17 win on Oct. 21 — and 10 of the last 12 meetings dating back to 2006. While cautioning they're not taking things for granted, playing and winning meaningful games in December is nothing new for the Steelers. Cincinnati, not so much. "I think that a lot of the guys in this locker room have 'been there before' and understand this is a playoff

game for us," Roethlisberger said. "It does help us." Pittsburgh may need some help fending off a team that appears to be learning on the fly. The Bengals appeared out of it at the midway point, dropping to 3-5 after getting whipped by the Broncos on Nov. 11. Instead of folding, however, Cincinnati has flourished behind a defense that leads the league in sacks and a new attitude in the locker room that the status quo that's dogged the franchise for decades — pockets of success surrounded by years of ineptitude — is no longer acceptable. Coach Marvin Lewis challenged his young team to take responsibility for its actions, and the Bengals responded by not just winning games, but dominating them. Cincinnati's last five wins have come by an aver-

age of 18 points. "If we wanted to get to where we're at right now, we had to change some things," quarterback Andy Dalton said. "So we've played a lot better since then because we had to play a lot better." Something the Steelers haven't done much of lately. Save for a remarkable 23-20 victory in Baltimore three weeks ago behind backup quarterback Charlie Batch, Pittsburgh has been surprisingly dull the last six weeks, and the Steelers know time is running out. Then again, wasn't it just last year the Giants were 7-7 and floundering to make the playoffs? Less than two months later, they were Super Bowl champions. "We're upset with it but we still have a chance," Wallace said. "I like our team with our backs against the wall."

HORO SCOPE
BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Sunday, December 23, 2012
According to some statisticians, an average person living to the age of 80 will walk around 110,000 miles in a lifetime. Because Earth's circumference at the equator is 24,901.55 miles, that's the equivalent of walking several times around the globe. Under the determined Capricorn sun and with the moon in earthy Taurus, many will walk twice their daily average today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To feel valued and understood, you have to believe that people are listening to you -- really listening. You'll make an extra effort to give and receive quality attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People with high self-esteem are happier in their relationships. That's one more reason to get on your own side, root for yourself and do the things that will make you happy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The personal work you do will further your individuality, but that doesn't mean you won't be as intimate as you want to be with loved ones. Closeness and oneness are not the same.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The qualities you are looking for in a partner have changed over time, and they will continue to do so. That's why it's so important to make a commitment to change together.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It has been suggested that nothing worth having can be purchased with money. Today's highly satisfying purchase will make you question the validity of that statement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The task you take on won't be as easy for you as it seems to be for others. But just because you're not the best at it doesn't mean you should give up. Persevere.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do you know what your philosophy of life is? You'll give some thought to this. The ideas and realizations you come up with will improve your sense of purpose and help you communicate a stronger presence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Passion makes people behave in crazy ways, and you know this first hand. A sentimental mood takes hold, and you'll have fun recalling your own passionate moves and the path along which they led you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Always leave the party on a high note. This adage also applies to meetings, conversations and relationships, although in the case of relationships, it's particularly challenging.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). With the sun energizing your part of the sky, it will suddenly dawn on you how to highlight your talents in the days and weeks to come. The world truly needs what only you can give.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a time to spread good will, not a time to push hot buttons. Politics can destroy good vibes and ruin relationships that were doing just fine before the political conversation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Stories get told and retold, and they morph as they travel. You may find it amusing when a story of yours gets changed in the retelling. Then again, you may find cause to set the record straight.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 23). You'll win the alliance, support and loyalty you desire. Your gentle persuasion will work just the way you want it to, and you'll enjoy the results over the next three weeks. March brings your turn at a high-stakes game. You'll make changes to your domestic scene in June. You'll be proud of what family does in August. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 33, 39 and 17.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: They said this week would never come, but here we are. The sky didn't fall. The Earth's atmosphere didn't sizzle. Your head was not eaten by a zombie. So what's next? The opposition of Venus and Jupiter continues to highlight the financial expense of love. The day-to-day realities can't be denied. Having money affords a different kind of experience from not having it; that much is clear. But don't forget that in the big picture of relationships, money means very little because our hearts, emotions, attention, time and energy are all much more valuable than dollars. Most people are generous at heart, but many don't know what is needed in the world and what they can do about it. The uninformed will be better informed in the weeks to come, though. Mars enters Aquarius on Tuesday, fueling philanthropy and increasing our awareness of what is needed and what we can do. The Gemini moon favors sharing and laughter. The bright intellectual energy of this waxing moon will help us make the smart moves necessary to effectively communicate the magic of the season. The full moon in Cancer on Friday will release emotions and bring the week to a relaxed close.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Holding the Guinness Book record for the first self-made American woman millionaire, Madam C.J. Walker built an empire out of hair and beauty products for African-American women. Capricorn is the sign of business moguls. The sea goat loves a challenge, is highly driven to set goals and work toward them, and is adept at maneuvering power structures to achieve a financial end.

ANTIQUES
BY TERRY KOVEL

Santa Claus has changed in appearance throughout the centuries. At first he was St. Nicolas, a tall thin man with a beard. In 1823 the famous poem "The Night Before Christmas" was published. It describes a jolly little man who was small enough to slide down a chimney.

Early Santa figures usually walked with a bag full of toys, but by the 1850s he was riding in a sleigh. Reindeer pulled the sleigh in snowy countries, flying through the air or running on wooded trails. The legend of Santa Claus bringing toys at Christmas is now worldwide, so Santa's sleigh has been changed to suit different cultures and weather.

A child in a tropical climate probably wouldn't recognize a sleigh or reindeer. Vintage pictures, figures, candy containers and even ornaments can be found with Santa riding more modern vehicles. Horses replaced reindeer. Airplanes, trains, cars and even airships replaced sleigh and reindeer. Toys are carried in a bag or box.

There are even candy containers shaped like a baby elephant with a large Santa riding on his back. Some containers, known as "noddors," depict an elephant with a head that bobs up and down. They are favorites of Christmas collectors. The noddors, most made in Germany in the 1930s, sell for about \$700.

Q: I have a tapered jar with printing on the bottom that has to be read from the inside out. It says "No. 72, Pat. in U.S., Dec. 22, 1903, July 17, 1906, M 29." It's 4 inches high, 2 1/2 inches wide at the top and 2 inches wide at the bottom. The top is grooved, as though it was meant to screw into something.

A: Your jar was part of an old Arcade wall-mounted coffee grinder. There were three parts to the grinder. A different glass jar at the top held the coffee beans and the middle part ground them. The ground coffee emptied into your jar, which screwed into the bottom of the grinder. We found the answer by checking the patent numbers.

Q: My husband has a colorful menu for the 1941 Christmas dinner for U.S. Marines and Navy seamen

stationed on Wake Island. What is it worth and how should we sell it?

A: Christmas dinner never took place on Wake Island in 1941 because Japanese forces captured the island on Dec. 23. Americans who survived the December battles for the Pacific island, a U.S. territory, were taken prisoner. At least one other copy of your menu has been sold online. You could offer it through an auction that sells historic Americana and military memorabilia. Several auction houses in the country specialize in that field. Many are listed in the directory link under "Free Resources" on our website, Kovels.com.

Q: I have inherited a unique combination dining table/pool table from my great-grandmother. She must have purchased it in 1902 or '03, because I found a 1903 magazine ad for the table among her papers. The table, made by the Combination Billiard Manufacturing Co., has five heavy hand-carved legs and is 7 feet long. The ad says this particular style sold for \$125, but that other styles were available for \$30 to \$150. I had the cloth restored and I have the dining table top and the triangle for the balls. But I don't have the cues or balls. Can you tell me more, including the table's value today?

A: Around the turn of the 20th century, pool was enjoying a popularity boom among both men and women. During the same era, furniture manufacturers were becoming excessively creative in combining pieces of furniture. Pool-table beds, pool-table bookcase desks and pool dining table combinations were on the market. The Combination Billiard Manufacturing Co. of Indianapolis sold combinations like yours during the first decade of the 20th century. An Arts and Crafts model made by the same company at about the same time was up for bid at a fall Rago auction in Vineland, N.J. Presale estimate was \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Q: I have an old wooden bench with a metal Coca-Cola advertising sign on the backrest. The sign reads, "Drink Coca-Cola" and "Fountain Service." The crossbar on the metal legs is embossed "Fountain Service" on each side. I would like to know if

the bench is a reproduction and if it's worth some money.

A: Benches like yours are not exceptionally rare, and we have not seen any reproductions. The benches, which probably date from the mid-1900s, most likely sat outside soda fountains that served Coca-Cola. Single benches sell for \$100 to \$150, depending on the condition of the bench and of the Coca-Cola sign on the backrest.

Tip: Some people say you should shine the chrome on your 1940s toaster with club soda or lemon juice.

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CURRENT PRICES
Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

- ▶ Hooked rug, mallard ducks, multicolor, 1900s, 35 x 39 inches, \$30.
- ▶ Christmas tree, feather, bottle brush, spun cotton candles, ornaments, 1930s, 4 inches, \$49.
- ▶ Christmas tree ornament, birds, blown, red, white, clips, Japan, box, 1950s, 4 inches, 3 pieces, \$60.
- ▶ Christmas tree stand, cast iron, tripod, pine bough and cones, c. 1900, 6 3/4 x 12 inches, \$83.
- ▶ Musical Christmas tree, revolving, tinsel, blue, green, pixie elves, Japan, 1960s, 20 inches, \$88.
- ▶ Tabletop Christmas tree, silver-colored plastic, gumdrop type, two parts, ornaments, box, c. 1949, 11 inches, \$110.
- ▶ Tramp art doll's dresser, two step-back drawers, three lower drawers, raised diamonds, c. 1900, 23 x 12 inches, \$243.
- ▶ Clown walker, tin, J. Chien, c. 1925, 5 1/2 inches, \$510.
- ▶ Cupboard, walnut, open step-back top, two shelves, paneled doors, c. 1800, 80 x 57 1/2 inches, \$1,185.
- ▶ Art glass vase, flower shape, petal rim, amber, horizontal stripes, red lip wrap, D. Chihuly, 9 3/4 x 10 inches, \$3,819.

‘On the Road’ paved over by good intentions

By JAKE COYLE
AP Entertainment Writer
Walter Salles' "On the Road" was made with noble intentions, finely-crafted filmmaking and handsome casting, but, alas, it does not burn, burn, burn.

Salles, the Brazilian filmmaker of "The Motorcycle Diaries" and "Central Station," would seem the perfect director to translate to the screen Jack Kerouac's poetry of the road. But this "On the Road," the first ever big-screen adaption of the Beat classic, doesn't pulse with the electric, mad rush of Kerouac's feverish phenomenon.

Salles approached the book with reverence and deep research, and perhaps that's the problem — that its spirit got suffocated by respectfulness. The late '40s period detail, shot by cinematographer Eric Gautier, is lush, and there is surely a very attractive montage that could be pulled from the film.

But if anything has made "On the Road" so beloved, it's not its artful composition, but its yearning: the urgent passion of its characters to break free of themselves and postwar America and feel the freedom of the road. Salles captures the backpacks slung over hitchhiker shoulders, the rushing scenery out the car window, the sound of a dirt road underfoot. But his film, from the screenplay by "Motorcycle Diaries" writer Jose Rivera, ultimately feels conventional: too neatly packaged and too affectedly acted.

As our Dean Moriarty, Kerouac's stand-in for Neal Cassady, Garrett Hedlund ("Tron") gives his all in an ultimately failed attempt to find Moriarty's wild magnetism within him. As the center of the book and the film — the Gatsby to our narrator Sal Paradise (Sam Riley) — he's crucial to "On the Road" working. But he's missing the mythical spark of Moriarty and the grit of someone who grew up on the streets of Denver, stealing cars.

It's worth noting how impossible a task this is, to translate "On the Road" or make flesh Moriarty. Many have tried but it's no coincidence that it's taken this long for a film version. Certainly, we can lament that



Kristen Stewart, center, as Marylou/LuAnne Henderson in a scene from the film, "On the Road," directed by Walter Salles. (AP Photo/IFC Films/Sundance Selects)

we don't instead have an "On the Road" with James Dean or Marlon Brando, both of whom once considered it.

Imagine what Judd Apatow would do with "On the Road," a bromance if there ever was one. There are so many brotherly hugs and arms flung across shoulders in the film that you'd swear you were watching European soccer.

Paradise and Moriarty make a series of crisscrossing trips across the country, bound in a brotherhood of travel. Paradise, Kerouac's stand-in, is forever jotting down notes while Moriarty jumps from one woman to another. Carlo Marx, a.k.a. Allen Ginsburg (Tom Sturridge) is there, too, enamored and in love with Moriarty, while sharing the intellectual ambitions of Paradise.

Salles has focused particularly on the carnality of Kerouac's tale, and it threatens to overtake the film. As Moriarty's first wife, Marylou, Kristen Stewart's sleek sensuality briefly dominates the movie, but her character is never developed beyond her sexy bohemia.

Better are the cameos of women left by the wayside. Kirsten Dunst, in a few scenes as Moriarty's heartbroken second wife, Camille, makes a stronger impression than anyone. Elisabeth Moss, too, excels as a forgotten woman. She shouts: "They dumped me in Tuc-

son! In Tucson!"

The women of "On the Road," afterthoughts in the book, have more fire than the men.

Viggo Mortensen, Steve Buscemi, Terrence Howard and Amy Adams make cameos, mostly suggesting the prestige of the project. In the end, "On the Road" remains paved over.

"On the Road," an IFC Films and Sundance Selects release, is rated R for strong sexual content, drug use and language. Running time: 123 minutes. Two stars out of four.

▶ **"Amour"** — Michael Haneke takes a subject you don't often see in movies and probably don't even want to see — the slow, steady deterioration of an elderly woman — and handles it with great grace. The Austrian writer-director, who's achieved a reputation for a certain mercilessness over the years through films like "Cache" and "Funny Games," displays a surprising and consistent humanity here, and draws unadorned but lovely performances from his veteran stars, Jean-Louis Trintignant and Emmanuelle Riva. Haneke focuses on the intimate moments of their changing lives as the longtime married couple remains holed up in their comfortable Paris apartment, coping day to day, waiting for eventual death. It will surely strike a chord with anyone who's watched a loved one slip away in this

manner, whether it's a parent or a spouse. But Haneke's aesthetic can feel too stripped-down, too one-note in its dignified monotony. He will hold a shot, as we know, and once again he avoids the use of a score, so all that's left to focus on is the insular, dreary stillness of quiet descent. Certainly minimalism is preferable to melodrama in telling this kind of story, but Haneke takes this approach to such an extreme that it's often hard to maintain emotional engagement.

PG-13 for mature thematic material including a disturbing act, and for brief language. In French with English subtitles. 125 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four. — Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Arthur C. Clarke coming to e-books

NEW YORK (AP) — The science fiction of Arthur C. Clarke has finally reached the next dimension in the U.S. — e-books.

The late author's estate has an agreement with the digital publisher RosettaBooks to release "2001: A Space Odyssey" and 34 other works. Clarke's books already have been available electronically in his native Britain. Rosetta announced

ASK STACY
BY STACY JENEL SMITH

Scotty McCreery heads home for Christmas tomorrow, Dec. 19, after an autumn of doing double duty -- and then some. The 19-year-old "American Idol" Season 10 winner tells us, "I go to college Monday through Wednesday, and then Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday I'm most of the time on the road, so it works out well for me."

It has to be a huge challenge, living two different lives -- as a student and as a star. For example, last week he finished a paper and took his last final to finish off his last paper for his first semester at North Carolina State University. AND he performed "Santa Clause is Back in Town" and "Mary Did You Know" before President Barack Obama and his family and scores of other D.C. dignitaries as part of the "Christmas in Washington" benefit concert that will be seen on TNT Friday, Dec. 21. This is time juggling to the max!

"I know. It's a lot of fun though," McCreery says. "I'm enjoying it."

He had a blast as part of the concert lineup that includes Diana Ross, Megan Hilty, Demi Lovato, Chris Mann and Korean Rapper Psy (doing a takeoff on his "Gangnam Style" -- "Christmas Style"). The concert, benefiting the National Children's Medical Center, was taped at Washington's National Building Museum.

"My family was all out there, and a couple guys from my band, so that was nice. We met the president before the show, and then afterwards he came and talked to us again. It was really cool."

McCreery, whose Christmas album came out in October, is already looking ahead to 2013. Goals?

"We're putting out a new album, probably the second quarter of next year," he says. "I've got a platinum record, a gold record, I've won awards, I've sold out shows, but I haven't had that one big radio hit song. That monster song. That's something I've been really conscious of wanting, so that's a big goal of mine. We're going to a lot of meetings with publishers, with people who write songs -- writing with them."

"Other than that," he adds, "I just want to improve on what 2012 was and make it an even bigger year."

McCreery also finds time for charitable activities -- like making public service spots on behalf of Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse campaign to provide Christmas gifts for needy children in locales all around the world. As a Christian, he's glad to keep the Christ in his Christmas repertoire. "It's the reason we're celebrating this season so we've got to keep it front and forward," he says.

The deep-voiced singer doubts that his 2013 itinerary will include any TV or film roles -- although "I've had a couple offers of stuff. I think, you know, music first right now, then a few years down the road, if things are going great, maybe I can venture out into that world. But right now, I have my plate full with my music." And school, and friends and family.

McCreery says he hasn't really adjusted to fame yet and is "just taking things one at a time. Every day has new experiences." He believes it's easier for him to keep his feet on the ground than perhaps it is for other performers who shoot to fame. "I still have a home base. And my friends," he laughs. "They won't let me get a big head at all."

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Students at DAHS up to the challenge

Students at David Anderson High School were recently awarded \$250 each for their efforts last school year in academic excellence, academic improvement, attendance, and service by The Challenge Program, Inc. which is sponsored by NiSource Charitable Foundation. Current sophomores, juniors and seniors will be participating to be eligible for the award this school year. From left, seniors Travis Toot, Morgan McGuire, Sara Johnson, Kody Weinstock; juniors Brandon Haldiman, Ryan Wilson, Jenna Dickson and Nate Borg. (Submitted photo)



Experiencing the joy of Christmas

On Dec. 13, Bob Sebo and his wife, Linda, invited Amy Orville's second-grade class from Buckeye Elementary School to visit their home and experience the joy of Christmas. The Sebos showed the children their popular Christmas light display, indoor Christmas trees, provided a visit from Santa and provided Christmas treats for all of the children. (Submitted photo)



EP students warm up to charity

East Palestine Middle School students in grade five to eight donated new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for the "Stay Warm" program conducted by Social Concerns. Students pictured with the mitten tree are Patrick, Dylan Foster, Fred Springer, Tommy Frank, Ryan Nahar, Gabrielle Muir and Nicholas Daubenmire. (Submitted photo)



Into the spirit of the season

Leetonia High School's Art Club members got into the spirit of the season by decorating the central office door for the annual Christmas Door Contest, which is sponsored by Leetonia Elementary School. The Art Club students are, first row, from left, Devon Galvin and Trent Ferry; second row, Kelly Cooper and Nate Inboden. (Submitted photo)

Area students named to alumni executive board at Malone Univ.

CANTON — Malone University in Canton has named the following local community leaders to its alumni executive board.

► **Minerva:** MariLee Parrish, a State Farm Insurance agent and 2000 graduate of Malone University.

► **Salem:** Candice McDonald, a development specialist and 2008 graduate of Malone University; Reanne Sanor, a secretary and 1995 graduate of Malone University.



Hoping to make bullying disappear

Shown is Stephan Knight, a renowned magician from Columbus, who recently spoke to Leetonia Middle School students about bullying and the importance of respect. Several students volunteered as participants in Knight's crafty illusions. (Submitted photo)



Achieves rank of Eagle Scout

JW Linam, son of Maria Goodchild and Kevin Linam, both of Salem, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank the Boy Scouts of America offers to a scout. A Court of Honor was held Aug. 27 at the United Methodist Church to recognize his achievements. The "charge" was presented by his grandfather, William W. Goodchild, a Troop 2 committee chairman and past scout master. JW has been a member of Troop 2 since 2006, attaining 25 merit badges, God and Country, God and Life and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. As a member of Troop 2 he has held the following: scribe, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader and is currently an assistant scout master. For his Eagle Scout service project he built a moveable partition for the "ROC," a youth-operated religious center with scout-based ties located on South Lundy in Salem. At the "ROC," JW performed crew chief duties. He is currently a senior at Salem High School where he is a member of TACT, the German Club and currently captain of the varsity tennis team. (Submitted photo)

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

— Bob Hope,
American comedian (1903-2003)

ROSES & HOLLY

Roses and sprigs of holly for the world not ending at 6:11 a.m. on Friday. The fruitcakes (the real ones and not the, er, unusual tasting could double-as-door stops kind your aging out-of-state aunt sent the family every year) twisted the Mayan calendar around. They were loudly proclaiming a pending doomsday. That would have ruined a lot of Christmases. Somewhere in the here-after, a lot of Mayans are laughing.

Roses and sprigs of holly for a most wonderful of Christmas gifts. An organ donation. Angie Pitts is a Salem High graduate. She is the daughter of Alicia and Bob Pitts and lives in Alliance. She works at the Chef's Table in Lisbon and has a son, Mac, in the fifth grade. Angie will soon be spending some time in the hospital along with her uncle, Rob Mehno. You might know Rob. An excellent superintendent of schools for Leetonia and an excellent person. He is badly in need of a kidney transplant. He knows the drill. It will be his second transplant. The first came back some 27 years ago. The 1983 SHS graduate — a key member of that great Quaker football team of Gary Ricker, another excellent person — had actually gone an entire year without a kidney after having both removed as a young man. After being on a machine for a year, he received a kidney in 1986. But after all these years, its function dwindled, necessitating another transplant. Several family matches were actually made and it was determined that Angie — in her mid-30s — because of her age was the right candidate. She will give her own Christmas gift of life to her uncle this Friday in Cleveland at University Hospital. There is a rejection possibly and of infections and complications arising. But all systems are a go. This also means that Angie will be left with but one kidney and a full life ahead of her. There is always a risk involved. That makes her act even more impressive. Here's to a successful transplant and many more wonderful Christmases for Angie, Rob and all of their family members. This will be one to remember.

Roses and sprigs of holly before we take it right back for gas prices falling below \$3 bucks a gallon — think, psychologically uplifting — before going right back up another 30 cents or so a couple of days later. And the oil barons are still pumping our wallets. Ho-ho-ho.

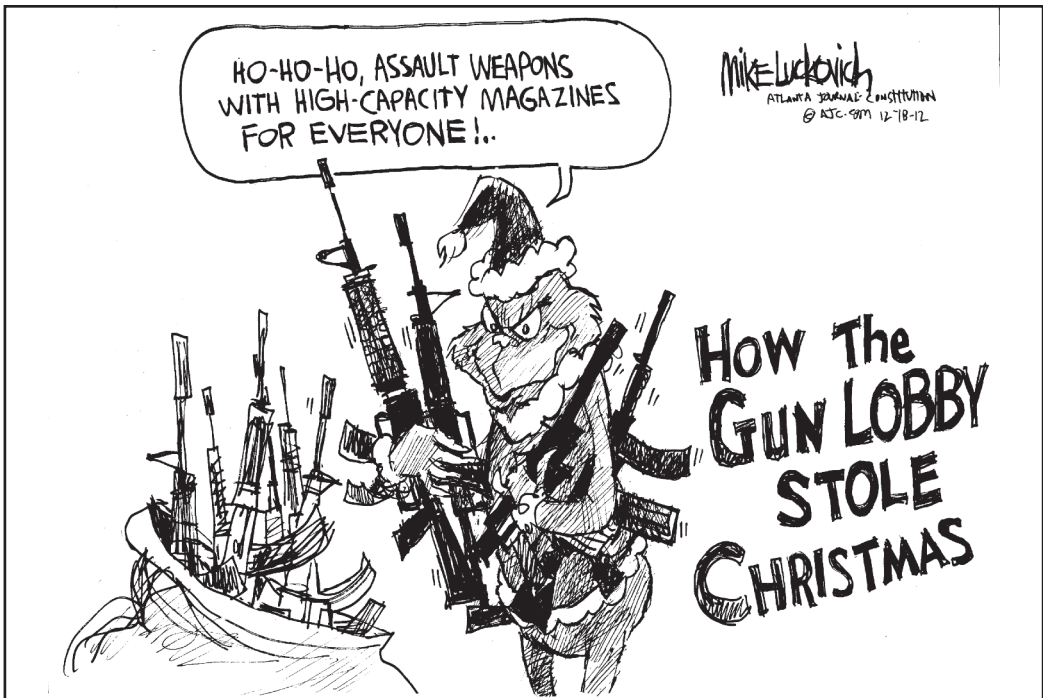
Roses and sprigs of holly to teachers encouraging pro-action from their students. Wendy Higgins' 6th graders at Salem Southeast Elementary School recently forwarded some letters to the editor. We were glad to publish them — including two that appear on page 3C today regarding school uniforms and friendship. It's nice to see young people take an interest in the printed word. It's not done enough.

Roses and sprigs of holly for Karen Carpenter singing a Christmas song — any Christmas song. For stars atop Christmas trees and for the real ones gently lying upon a black velvet winter sky. For children who know how to make perfect snow angels. For angels. Period. Like Olivia Sage Thompson — the vibrant 9-year-old tragically removed from her family and friends. God bless her memory. For the silence of a snowfall in the woods. For those who visit local care facilities such as those visiting veterans at Pleasant View North in Damascus. We are told that the little gifts were a great hit and the knee warmers were beautiful and well made. "They needed that. Thank you again, from a thankful spouse," wrote a reader. Again, for people who pick up expenses when standing at a checkout line behind someone who doesn't quite have enough to cover costs. We were told of two more such instances this past week. Think of how many untold acts we never hear about. For snow shovels and rock salt. Let's admit it. We were due and it looks like Bing Crosby will be singing about a White Christmas after all. That is nice.

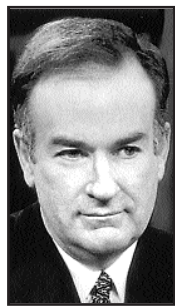
Roses and sprigs of holly for the Salem Rotary Club. Members donated dictionaries — again, an appreciation of the printed word — to every third grader at Salem Reilly Elementary, St. Paul and United Local schools. Look up community service in the Dictionary and apt synonym would be Rotary Clubs. Kiwanis Clubs too. For landlords and landladies who give their tenants a Christmas gift of free or reduced rent in December. It's all about the spirit of giving, an essence of Christmas. For the management of the Salem Twin Cinema who welcome school kids free of charge.

Roses and sprigs of holly for the Salvation Army bell ringers who man their posts even in the worst of weather. For those who physically assist at fund raisers and benefits. Donating money is always great. Donating your actual time can be just as great. If not greater.

Roses and sprigs of holly for all of our readers; longtime, short-term and all in between. The Salem News is poised for its 124th year in a very challenged industry. Thank you for your support.



The spirit of Christmas...



BILL O'REILLY

Anyone offended by public displays of Christmas needs to see a psychiatrist. Are we clear on this? You are a loon if the sight of baby Jesus arouses anger or sadness in you. Get help.

This brings us to the governor of Rhode Island, Lincoln Chafee. He recently told me on national television that the reason he will not use the word "Christmas" in describing the state Christmas tree is that the word might offend non-Christians. The governor calls the state-purchased symbol a "holiday tree."

My reply to the governor was that by excluding the word "Christmas," he might be offending the 73 percent of Americans who describe themselves as Christian, not to mention the 2.2 billion Christians worldwide. Chafee chafed when he heard that but had no answer.

And then the governor did a very interesting thing: He announced the lighting of the "holiday tree" in Providence a full 30 minutes before the cord was plugged in. Very few Rhode Islanders even knew about the tree lighting because it was done so surreptitiously. Chafee did that because he feared protestors would do what they did last year: sing Christmas carols at the lighting. And we can't have that, now, can we?

Jon Stewart and his merry band of elves will tell you that the so-called "War on Christmas" is a figment of the imagination, perhaps a result of indigestion after eating too much holiday pudding. Stewart's posture is similar to what Ebenezer Scrooge put forth when the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come told him he was bound for hell. I am

channeling Charles Dickens to see whether the ghost can visit Stewart on Christmas Eve. I'll let you know what happens.

There is something to the argument that there are more important things to worry about than whether people like Christmas. But the assaults against the national holiday are annoying, unnecessary and often disrespectful. I mean, here's how bad it is in this country: A pastor in Arkansas canceled a play called "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" because some nutty atheist objected to public school kids seeing it on church grounds. So Charlie, Snoopy and Linus were thrown under the bus by a Christian cleric. Good grief! For all of you separation-of-church-and-state fans, here's the deal: Jesus of Nazareth was a man. In fact, he was the most influential person ever born. A third of the world's population has signed on to the Christian edicts: love God, and love your neighbor as yourself. That sounds like a good thing.

So, when President Grant honored Jesus by signing into law the national holiday of Christmas in 1870, the nation certified that a positive message of generosity and peace was worthy of a day off. Pretty much everybody was on board.

But not today. In our current state, the Thomas More Law Center has to litigate against attacks on Christmas every year. Anti-religion zealots put up billboards in Times Square denouncing Christmas as a "myth." Rabid secularists bridle at any mention of Jesus or his nice mom and dad.

To them I say: Peace on Earth and tough. You don't like the federal holiday? Try to rescind it. Start with our pal Lincoln Chafee. See how far you get with that.

And by the way, Merry Christmas to all. Even you loons.

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The post-Newtown witch hunt



MICHELLE MALKIN

In the aftermath of the horrific Newtown, Conn., school massacre, Americans from all parts of the political spectrum agree that we need to pay more attention to mental health issues.

Public death threats and incitements to violence must be taken seriously. The incendiary witch hunt against law-abiding, peaceful gun owners is neither noble nor effective. It's just plain insane.

Over the past week, I've witnessed a disturbing outbreak of off-the-rails hatred toward gun owners and Second Amendment groups. Whatever your views on guns, we can all agree: The Newtown gunman was a monster who slaughtered his own mother, five heroic educators and 20 angel-faced schoolchildren. He ignored laws against murder. He bypassed Connecticut's strict gun control regulations, and he circumvented the Sandy Hook Elementary School's security measures. Every decent American is horrified and heartsick by this outbreak of pure evil.

But tens of millions of law-abiding men and women own and use guns responsibly in this country. The cynical campaign to demonize all armed men and women as monsters must not go unanswered. What's most disturbing is that the incitements are coming from purportedly respectable, prominent and influential public figures.

Consider the rhetoric of University of Rhode Island Professor Erik Loomis. He teaches "U.S. environmental history, the Civil War, late 19th and early 20th century America, labor history, and the American West" in the university's history department. Online, however, Loomis is a militantly unhinged foe of all things conservative.

This week, the nutty professor took to Twitter to rail against law-abiding gun owners and the National Rifle Association. "Looks like the National Rifle Association has murdered some more children," Loomis fumed. "Now I want Wayne LaPierre's head on a stick," he added. (LaPierre is executive vice president and CEO of the NRA.) Loomis was just warming up.

"F**k the National Rifle Association and its policies to put crazy guns in everyone's hands," Loomis tweeted. "You are g*dd*mn right we should politicize this tragedy. F**k the NRA. Wayne LaPierre should be in prison," he spewed. "Can we define NRA membership dues as con-

tributing to a terrorist organization?"

If all that wasn't clear enough, Loomis also re-tweeted the following message from a fellow left-winger: "First f**ker to say the solution is for elementary school teachers to carry guns needs to get beaten to death."

When the conservative group Campus Reform called attention to the craziness, Loomis whined about a "right-wing intimidation campaign." Sane university professors shook their heads. University of Tennessee law professor and blogger Glenn Reynolds explained the anti-NRA syllogism at work:

"(1) Something bad happened; (2) I hate you; so (3) it's your fault. This sort of reasoning has played out in all sorts of places over the past century, with poor results. One would expect a history professor to know better."

Unfortunately, Loomis is not alone. Famed author Joyce Carol Oates also took to Twitter to blame the entire membership of the NRA for one evil-doer's massacre. "Another NRA-sponsored massacre for Christmas 2012," Oates wrote. She then accused any politicians who supported the NRA of "felony homicide." And then she mused hopefully for mass shootings against the NRA: "If sizable numbers of NRA members become gun-victims themselves, maybe hope for legislation of firearms?" Shockingly, actress Marg Helgenberger of the TV show "CSI" cheered her on: "One can only hope, but sadly I don't think anything would change."

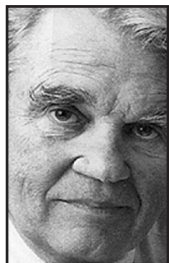
In Texas, state Democratic Party official John Cobarruvias threw fuel on the fire. Cobarruvias is the Democratic Party precinct chair in Houston, Texas, and holds a seat on the Texas State Democratic Party's executive committee. On his Twitter feed, Cobarruvias labeled the NRA a "domestic terrorist organization" and called for the assassination of NRA leaders and supporters: "Can we now shoot the #NRA and everyone who defends them?"

So, it's come to this: Advocating beheadings, beatings and the mass murder of peaceful Americans to pay for the sins of a soulless madman. But because the advocates of violence fashion themselves champions of non-violence and because they inhabit the hallowed worlds of Hollywood, academia and the Democratic Party, it's acceptable?

Blood-lusting hate speech must not get a pass just because it comes out of the mouths of the protected anti-gun class.

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Keeping too busy during Christmas



Classic Andy Rooney

(This classic column was originally published Dec. 10, 2005.)

Some days, it seems as though I have so much to do I can't get anything done. It happens a lot around Christmas.

When I left for the office this morning, a red light appeared on the dashboard of my car that said, "Service soon." I've been

meaning to read the manual, but whenever I get in the car I'm going someplace and don't have time. I'm driving to the country this weekend, though, and ought to take the car in before I go, but I have some other things to do first.

When I left the house today, I dumped a suit, a pair of slacks and a sweater in the back of the car to take to the cleaners, but I had so much to do I decided not to stop.

My hair is too long and has been for about two weeks. My barber is over near several department stores, so maybe I'll get my hair cut and do some Christmas shopping at lunchtime — tomorrow, though.

I don't even want to think about Christmas. I have to get presents for Martha, Emily, Ellen, Brian, Cecile, Alexis, Ben, Justin, Emma, Katherine, Beryl, Leo, Les and Nancy. Just getting to a store is hard and they probably won't have anything I think is right, anyway. As usual, I'll probably wait until it's too late to have anything sent, so I'll have to take it with me.

I should put the Christmas wreath on the door this weekend and string the Christmas lights on the hedge. I hope I can find the lights. I may have put them in the attic. If I get the chance, I'll go up and look for them. Come to think of it, though, the lights may be on top of that shelf in the garage.

I keep the Christmas tree in the garage so it doesn't get snowed on before we put it up in the living room Christmas Eve. I'm worried about the garage because it isn't heated. The automatic garage door caught on some of the insulated ceiling panels last summer and tore off one of them. There are pipes up there that bring heat to the back bedroom and they're exposed now and could freeze. I ought to get that insulation panel replaced and get a plumber to put some radiator pipes in the garage. I'm not sure who does that or how much it would cost. I don't even want to think about that now.

As if I didn't have enough things to do around the house, I've got more than usual to do in the office. "60 Minutes" is going to need two extra pieces next week because they want to get the Christmas and New Year's Day shows put together early. I'll have to think of something to do and then shoot the pieces. I should get my hair cut before I do them.

Next to my computer I keep an in/out file tray. There must be 25 letters.

They're either things like phone bills or messages from old friends I feel guilty about not answering. I've set those things aside for two weeks, though, so I guess another day or two won't hurt.

If I can get my Christmas cards out, that will satisfy some of those letters I should have written. I'm not sure where our Christmas card list is. Last year, I added the names of people who sent me a card even though I didn't send them one.

Some of the things I put off because I've had a cold. My nasal passages have been stuffed up for weeks, so I called my doctor and he gave me a prescription, which I took to the drugstore last Tuesday. They couldn't fill it right away, so I paid for it, but I haven't had time to go back and get it.

I love Christmas, but I can't wait for it to be over.

(Write to Andy Rooney via email at aarooney5@yahoo.com)



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The decline and fall of the house of Labor



PAT BUCHANAN

In 1958, Senate Minority Leader William Knowland, his eye on the 1960 GOP nomination coveted by fellow Californian Richard Nixon, went home and declared for governor.

Knowland's plan: Ride to victory on the back of Proposition 18, the initiative to make right-to-work the law in the Golden Land. Prop. 18 was rejected 2 to 1. Knowland's career was over, and the Republicans were decimated nationally for backing right-to-work.

Badly burned, the party for years ran away from the issue.

This history makes what happened in Michigan, cradle of the United Auto Workers, astonishing. A GOP legislature passed and Gov. Rick Snyder signed a right-to-work law as libertarian as any in Red State America.

The closed shop, where a worker

must belong to the union before being hired, is dead. The union shop, where an individual must join the union once hired, is dead. The agency shop, where a worker cannot be made to join a union but can be required to pay dues if the union is the agent negotiating the contract for all workers, is dead.

Michigan just legislated the open shop.

And behind the blue-collar bell-cosity in Lansing is this new reality. Non-union workers can now "free ride" on union contracts. This is close to a non-survivable wound for labor.

Workers who do not belong to unions will cease paying dues, and union members will begin quietly to quit and pocket their dues money. Why pay dues if you don't have to? Why contribute a dime to a union PAC if you don't have to, or don't like labor's candidates?

Michigan workers are not going to suffer. They have simply been given the freedom to join or not join a union, to pay or not pay dues. And while wages in right-to-work states such as Virginia, Tennessee, Texas and Florida are slightly below those of other states, employment in right-to-work states is higher.

For these are the states where domestic and foreign investors look to site new plants. The BMW assembly plant is in Greenville-Spartanburg, S.C., the Mercedes plant in Tuscaloosa, Ala., the Volkswagen and Nissan plants in Tennessee. As Gov. Rick Perry boasts, Texas has been the biggest job creator in the Obama recession.

But union power is going to be circumscribed as non-union workers elect to free-ride and union members start resigning. And just as Michigan saw Indiana creating jobs after passing right-to-work, other states may observe Michigan and go forth and do likewise.

There are now 24 right-to-work states. But while these laws arrested the rise of the house of labor, there was an inevitability to its fall. Who are the collective killers? Like the murder on the Orient Express, just about everyone on the train.

First came automation. A third of U.S. workers were unionized in the 1950s. But with new technologies, we discovered we did not need so many men to dig coal, make steel or print newspapers. We did not need firemen riding in the cabs of diesel locomotives.

A second blow came with the

postwar rise of Germany and Japan. Their plants and equipment were all newer than ours. Their wages were far lower, as they did not carry the burden of defending the Free World. Under our defense umbrella, they began to invade and capture our markets.

And Uncle Sam let them do it.

A third blow to Big Labor, concentrated in the Frost Belt, came from the Sun Belt. With air conditioning making summers tolerable, the South offered less expensive and more reliable labor than a North where union demands were constant and strikes common.

But the mortal blow to American unions came from globalization.

With the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and China propelling hundreds of millions of new workers into the global hiring hall, U.S. multinationals saw historic opportunity. If they could move factories out of the U.S.A., they would be free of union demands, wage-and-hour laws, occupational health and safety laws, environmental laws and civil rights law. By outsourcing, they could produce for a fraction of the cost of doing so in the U.S.A.

And if they could get the U.S. po-

litical class, in return for corporate generosity at election time, to let them bring their foreign-made goods back to the U.S.A., tax and tariff free, profits would explode, and salaries and bonuses with them. The corporate establishment and political establishment shook hands, the deed was done, and the fate of U.S. industrial unions sealed. So came NAFTA, GATT, the World Trade Organization, MFN for China, free trade with all.

And with globalization came trade deficits unlike any the world had ever seen, a loss of one-third of U.S. manufacturing jobs in the last decade, a U.S. dependence on foreign-made goods almost as great as in colonial days, the enrichment of our corporate and financial elites beyond the dreams of avarice, and the decline and fall of the house of labor.

Unions are dying because, in America, economic patriotism is dead.

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Tragic events ignite gun control debate — again

To the editor:

The tragic events in Connecticut have enflamed the gun control debate once again. I have yet to hear anyone frame the debate around the real issue and the process that is defined in law to affect that issue.

America has a Constitution that provides a foundation for our civil society. That Constitution guarantees inalienable rights in perpetuity. I realize that statement is redundant. Inalienable means the right is inseverable from the individual. The right cannot be repudiated. Thus the right exists as long as the individual exists.

Rights are inalienable because rights are not derived from men. The government does not bestow rights. Every person on the planet owns these rights. Americans are lucky. We live in a country that to a certain extent recognizes these rights. Some are codified into the Constitution like the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

I continually hear that if rights come from God, he certainly would not have given us the right to possess a specific inanimate object such as a gun. I agree, how ridiculous to think given the generic nature of the other inalienable rights that the right to own a gun fits into that scheme in some way.

Here is where we have to go back 230 years to attempt to understand the reason the Second Amendment found its way into our social contract. The Founding Fathers risked their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to win for us the freedoms that we enjoy today. These men designed a federal government whose sole responsibility was to ensure that these freedoms would pass from generation to generation.

They were fearful that government would erode, as it has done, the very freedoms they sacrificed so much to earn. To an 18th century man, the ultimate tool against government oppression was the gun. After all, it was the gun, owned by the individual patriot that won the revolution and made this debate possible in the first place. It was the gun that, to these men, was the insurance policy that all of the other freedoms would survive. That is why the ability to keep and bear arms occupies such a sacred place in our founding document.

I also have heard that in the modern world, the gun is no longer necessary to ward off tyranny. Let us say for the sake of argument that this is valid. That we as a nation have decided that the right to keep and bear arms is an antiquated concept that no longer has a place in our society. Do we merely allow the government to pass a statute to remove or restrict a right defined in the Constitution?

Once we allow the government to prove the premise that rights are the prevue of government, we begin to race down the path towards tyranny. The only legitimate intervention Congress can exercise pertaining to our gun rights is to ensure they stay intact. By allowing the subjugation of even one of our rights, puts all of our rights in imminent jeopardy.

We obviously don't want to go there, but if it is still the will of the people, the Founders gave us a vehicle to modify the Constitution. It is the amendment process as defined in Article Five. Two thirds of both houses of Congress must vote for the change and three quarters of the states must ratify it. If repeal of the Second Amendment, or even the modification of its scope, is important enough to our citizenry, then it is imperative that we follow the rule of law and proceed through the lawful processes, not supersede the Constitution for the sake of expediency.

YOUR SIDE THE READERS TAKE OVER

Allow me at this point to tie the Second Amendment to the maintenance of a specific inalienable right, the right to defend ourselves and our families. Unless the government can guarantee that the bad guys will no longer have guns with which to threaten and harm us, how can it justify eliminating or restricting our ability to fight back? The old saying, you don't bring a knife to a gun fight comes to mind. When looking down the muzzle of a gun, self-righteousness is a worthless weapon.

There is a reason why the majority of these tragedies happen in gun free zones. There is a reason why the incidence of violent crime increases when the guns are taken from law-abiding citizens. There is a reason why in ever incidence of totalitarian domination of a people, the first act of domination is the confiscation of their guns. One of the laws of physics is that objects will always follow the path of least resistance. The comparable law of criminology is, criminals will seek the defenseless to perpetrate their crimes. We as a society put up billboards saying "come shoot us here, no one has a gun to defend themselves." When people are rendered defenseless, bad things happen!

Every instance of mass murder is a violation of countless laws already on the books. Do you really think one more law is going to make a difference? When Clinton banned so-called assault weapons it didn't stop gun crime. Don't allow the tyrannous camel's nose under the tent so some politician can make political points. We must defend every one of our freedoms against every intrusion else we lose all of our freedom. As Benjamin Franklin stated, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

JACK LOESCH, North Georgetown

Killing of children must prompt gun law changes

To the editor:

Once again we are greeted by the horrifying images on our television screens of another school massacre on American soil. This time the victims were 20 children ages 5 through 10 as well as the school principal and other staff members. The gunman was familiar with his killing ground because his mother was a kindergarten teacher at that school.

Using two hand guns he started his shooting agenda at home with his mother then went to her school and continued the killing. We've all heard all the rhetoric about our "right to own and bear arms."

My father was a hunter and owned several guns. I was raised in a home with guns present but our Dad taught his five daughters to safely handle them. I do not advocate banning all gun ownership, but its time we stop expressing our sympathy with each new massacre and address the problems.

First: Longer application periods for gun purchases which should include screening for mental and emotional problems.

Second: Absolutely no sales of assault weapons to the general population. Those weapons should be accessible only to active members of law enforcement and military.

Third: The politicians in Washington and the individual states need to stop knuckling under to the NRA and its lobbyists. These are our children, wives, husbands, families and

friends dying in these tragedies. It is, sadly, way past time to take a stand for those who have died needlessly and say enough is enough.

I know I'm going to ruffle a lot of feathers with this letter but I do not care. It's time people to stand firm for humanity. This wasn't passengers on planes being flown into buildings or soldiers in Afghanistan dying. Those were and are horrible tragedies. But they were carried out by terrorists against us as a nation. This was small innocent children killed by one of their own country.

Their parents will have to deal with their sorrow of identifying their sons and daughters bodies, then dealing with the gifts they bought that will never be opened and exclaimed over Christmas morning. There is a verse in the Bible that says "Jesus wept." I know He had to be weeping as he welcomed those souls to heaven.

JENNY L. SMITH, Salem

Our country has lost the art of quality parenting

To the editor:

Whether it is in a school in Connecticut, Chardon, Cleveland, or in a public place where we should feel safe eating, or watching a movie, our actions, good or bad, have consequences.

We "reap" the consequences of the deeds we have done as a nation. We are reaping what our country has sowed for the past 50-70 years. Our children are our most valuable asset in this country. The parent of a child is the most important fabric in their lives. We are seeing the violent product of a lost art.

It is more common in our society to see someone outside the family spending more time with a child, more so than parents. Whether this is sports, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, band, school, or just sending them to a friend's house to play. Children are spending more waking hours away from their parents.

Most parents have an unconditional love for their children. Our children are being pawned onto others, while the parents absorb themselves in the desires of this world.

Children are being taught morals other than that of their parents. Most parents would agree they would give their lives to save their child, contrary to parents refusing to die to themselves and spending time with their children.

For a parent to die to themselves, they need to put away there selfish ways. Parents need to continually be the primary example of proper moral ethics. We are obligated to identify to our children, bad examples of behavior and to teach them there are selfish and immoral people in our world.

We will do our children a disservice if we cover up someone else's immoral behavior and not show the consequences of such behavior. The art of striving hard to instill moral ethics into our children has been lost through the past generations. This is the result of parent's inner selfish desires, political correctness, idolization of sports and people, and the continued efforts of pushing Christian values out of our lives. A perfect example of this, public schools facilitating sporting events on a day originally set aside for religious reflection and worship.

If we take away an education plan where Christ is not mentioned, and in some cases oppressed, teach children to idolize sports, teach children

not to righteously challenge wrong doers, are we not sowing the product of a failed child, a mature wrong doer?

Moral ethics come from the Old and New Testament in the books of the Bible. How can "religious free schools" teach ethics classes, while the content of the ethics being taught originated from the Christian Bible? This country was founded on moral ethics and freedom from religious oppression. Parents need to wake-up, stop chasing the dollar, invest time into their children, and teach the divine truth rather than the relative truth of manmade morals. We have lost this art as a nation, and now we are reaping the consequences of pushing God out of this country.

MICHAEL W. GURLEA, Leetonia

Love and prayers always make for a perfect gift

To the editor:

Love and prayers.

I must have read that over 300 times growing up. Handwriting that never changed over 40 years said the same message, "Love and Prayers." It was the way my Grandma Mid signed every card ever sent. A sweet and simple message that carried with it a gift that can never be measured in its importance, comfort, and most of all, power.

What a gift! To have her on your side was a good thing because she brought with her a slew of others, all little gray-haired ladies of our church, you know the ones, they've looked old your whole life, but have never seemed to age. But never ever underestimate the power of gray hair and prayer! They don't know the meaning of "quit," "do it later," and "lost cause." I am so grateful they didn't know those things. It made all the difference.

In this time of year we focus on giving and let our minds dreams of receiving that incredible unexpected gift. We hope for miracles and remember the magic and glory of past Christmases.

I would like to offer you a gift suggestion. Love and prayers. Giving it takes just a bit of time, some patience, listening without lecturing, and confidence that it will be done. Not expecting and demanding only one result, but allowing it to simply happen. The thing is when you give this gift get ready to receive a gift as well. The receiving comes at a much different time and manner we can ever predict and should never try to guess its impact on us.

Recently I learned this lesson from those simple words. A strange virus in this world decided to attack my heart. And the love and prayers started. Family, old friends and strangers, that became new friends, continually entered our lives and made all the difference during these times. We were astounded at the cards and notifications of being added to prayer lists, prayer chains, and prayer circles.

Every time when things became dark and we felt trapped by this illness, a door would open and answers poured from it, help was provided, gifts arrived just as they were needed, kind acts brought tears to our eyes, and a conversation with other patients showed just how small our problem was compared to theirs. It was then we gave the same simple gift to them.

It's easy to re-gift love and prayers! People actually like it!

Humbled by this incredible attention my family and I have received we say thank you, to all who sent their love and prayers. We are so grateful for having such wonderful people in our world!

For those looking for that perfect gift, here it is: love and prayers. Fits all sizes, fun for the family, even great for those on the naughty list, it truly is the best gift of all.

After all, it was the first Christmas gift ever given!

Love and prayers,

JASON CROXALL, East Liverpool

Salem Community Food Pantry staff is grateful

To the editor:

The Salem Community Food Pantry staff would like to thank the following individuals and local merchants who donated to the fund raiser held last weekend.

The Dollar store, Freshmark, John Deastro, Farm & Dairy, BB Rooners, NAPA Auto, Family Video, Josie's Pizza, McMillan's, Salem Computer Center, Auto Zone, Lease Drug, Troll's Jewelry, Quaker Village, Rasul's Super USA, Giant Eagle, Fred's Pharmacy, Heggy's, Suburban Food Mart, Busy Beaver, Tractor Supply; Adele's Place, Yuhanic's Dry Cleaners, East of Chicago Pizza, Bahama Bay Tanning, The Good Look, Ricky's English Pub, Herron Foods; Chrystal Skidmore, Dawn Humphreys, Kim Williams, Bob Hammond, Tim and Anita Bowers and family, Jerri and Doug Riley, Yvonne Jones, Dottie Miller, Josh Cox, Jean Snow, Mr. and Mrs. John Yuhaniak, Tim Callahan, Ed Baird, Douglas Riley, Tom Levik-Mark Thomas Ford, Emily and Kelly May, and to all the volunteers behind the scene at the food pantry.

TERRI RILEY, Salem

Feels students should wear uniforms to school

To the editor:

I strongly believe that schools should have their students wear uniforms to school.

First of all, school uniforms are quick to put on in the morning, preventing student tardiness.

A second reason is that with school uniforms there is a lesser need for a dress code. There would be no need to worry about camisoles, flip-flops, and the like. The most important reason is that school uniforms would take the "name brand" out of school. In conclusion, I strongly believe schools should have their students wear uniforms.

EMMA KELLY, Salem

Youngster offers a good definition of a good friend

To the editor:

A good friend should be helpful, encouraging and honest. A good friend should be helpful because if you get hurt they would help you.

For example, one time I was tripped and my best friend helped me up. Another thing a good friend should be is encouraging so that if you don't do your homework they encourage you to do it so you don't get a bad grade. I know my friend Kennedy did that to me before! Most importantly a good friend should be honest. In conclusion a good friend should be like my friends because they are all of these things and I love them all. So look around do you have a good friend?

CAMRYN SUTTON, Salem



ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations from the Salem News!



Shari Lynn Smith becomes bride of William Joseph Merdich

Shari Lynn Smith and William Joseph Merdich of Leetonia were united in marriage on Sept. 15 at the First United Methodist Church in Leetonia. The Rev. Teresa Smolka and Father Bob Edwards officiated at the couple's 11 a.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of the late William and Elizabeth Smith. The bridegroom's parents are Charles and Jeanette Merdich of Leetonia.

Escorted by her brother, Doug Smith, the bride appeared in an ivory cap-sleeved, satin, side draped A-line gown with a sweetheart bodice covered in beaded lace and a chapel train. She wore a matching pearl and bead encrusted tiara and veil and carried a hand-wrapped bouquet of red roses accented by burnt orange lilies and red daisies.

Pamela Merdich, the bridegroom's sister-in-law, was the honor attendant.

Penny Hickman was a bridesmaid.

The flower girl in an apple red dress was Madelyn Steiskal, the bride's great-niece.

Charles Merdich, the bridegroom's brother, served as best man.

The bridegroom's nephew, Alexander



Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph Merdich

Merdich, was a groomsman.

Gavin Steiskal, the bride's great-nephew, was the ring bearer.

The bride graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a bachelor's of arts degree in journalism and sociology. She is employed as a corporate benefits specialist with Employee Benefit Services of America in Boardman.

The bridegroom gradu-

ated from The Ohio State University-ATI campus with an associate's degree in landscape. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation/urban forestry from OSU.

A brunch reception followed at Drake's Landing in Canfield.

Following a honeymoon to Gettysburg, Pa., the newlyweds reside in Leetonia.

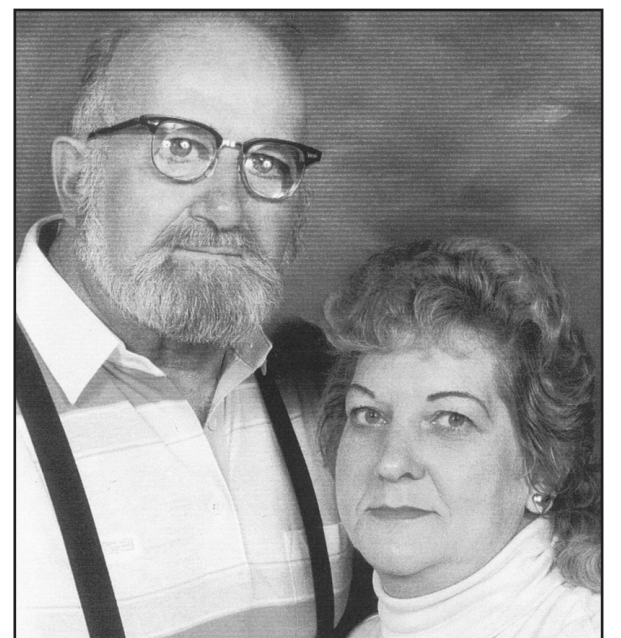
Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Gorby to mark wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Gorby Sr. of 908 Liberty St., Salem, will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve.

The former Dorothy Jane Vaughn and Mr. Gorby were married on Dec. 31, 1951, by the Rev. Shindle Decker.

The Gorbys are retired. He was self-employed and she is a homemaker.

The couple's children are Jeffrey, Rebecca, Thad, Chuck, Michael, Sarah and Janie. A son Harry Jr. is deceased. They also have 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. (Dorothy Jane) Gorby

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lewis celebrate 65th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lewis of 879 E. Fifth St., Salem, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Nov. 26.

The former Doris Jean Riley, daughter of late Warren and Elizabeth Riley of Chester W.Va., and Mr. Lewis, son of the late Harry and Maxine Lewis of Chester, were married on Nov. 26, 1947,

at the home of the bride's parents.

The couple has three children, Jeff Lewis (Belinda Rance), Elizabeth and Gary Guappone, and Jim and Nancy Lewis, all of Salem.

Mr. Lewis retired from the former First National Bank and Cardinal Development.

Mrs. Lewis retired from Salem Community Hospital.

The couple also has

three grandchildren, Sarah (Guappone) and John Foster of Canfield, Scott and (Niko Jackson) Guappone and Brad Lewis, both of Salem. A grandchild, Michael Lewis, is deceased. They also have five great-grandchildren, Cody Darringer and Johnny Foster, both of Canfield, MacKenzie MacMillian, Xander Jackson and Eli Guappone, all of Salem.

A private family dinner is planned for a later date.

Katherine Mary Anton to wed Robert Landon Swallow

Mr. and Mrs. David Anton of Fombell, Pa., are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Mary, to Robert Landon Swallow. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Swallow of Patmos.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Chatham University and a registered nurse for UPMC Cancer Centers in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and an advanced wound care account manager for Smith and Nephew in Pittsburgh.

The couple plans to marry in the spring.



Katherine Mary Anton and Robert Landon Swallow



Recovery Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held

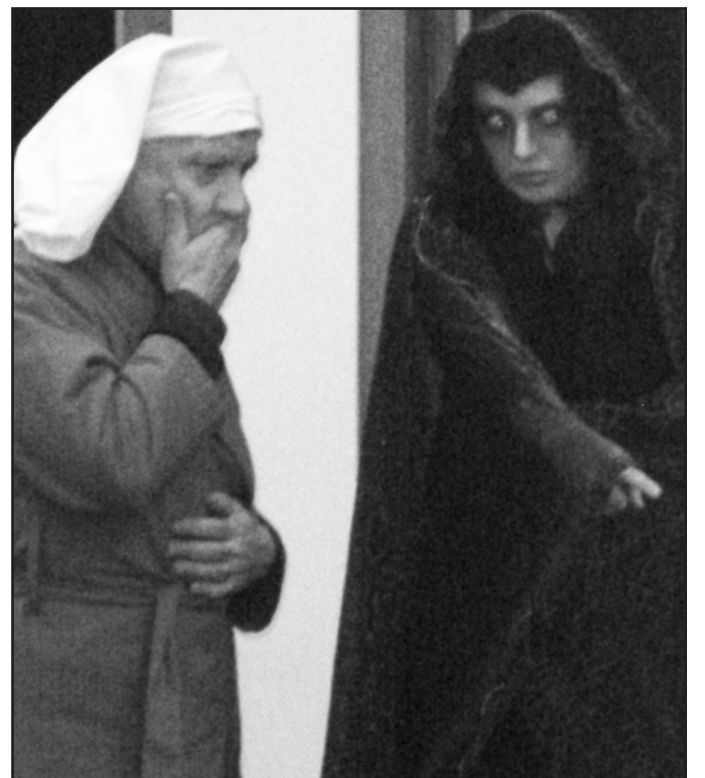
The eighth annual Recovery Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held Dec. 12 at the Taste of Country restaurant. People in recovery with mental illnesses conduct fund raisers to support the children's Christmas program at the Columbiana County Counseling Center. The volunteers raised \$2,238 for this program in 2012 and presented a check during the luncheon to Roger Sikorsky, from left, executive director of the counseling center. Also pictured are, Delores Lilly, Doug Wimer, and Eunice Burkey, volunteer leaders in the mental health recovery initiative. (Submitted photo)

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Leetonia Community Public Library hosts Dickens birthday party

Approximately 33 people attended the Dickens 200th birthday anniversary party, "A Dickens of a Good Time," hosted by Leetonia Friends of the Library at the Leetonia Community Public Library. The three "Wyrd Sisters" entertained the audience acting out the scenes from the book in which Scrooge is visited by the three ghosts, and dancing. Sash Davis narrated the story as Tiny Tim. Above, 10 students from the eighth-grade class at Leetonia Schools read "The Christmas Carol" by Dickens as their current topic in reading class and joined in the caroling, dancing, and dramatic reading. Right, the ghost of Christmas future (Irena Harvey) with Ebenezer Scrooge (Paul Rohrbaugh) (Submitted photos)





Lodge installs officers
Argus Lodge #545 F&AM installed its elected officers for 2013, during the 127th annual installation ceremony on Dec. 14. The lodge was honored by the officers being installed by James F. Easterling Jr., the grand master of Masons in Ohio. Officers are Russell W. Gillam Jr., master; Mark Roca, senior warden; Dale E. Hawkins, junior warden; Donald L. Huntley, secretary; Russell W. Gillam III, treasurer; Ryan Hamilton, senior deacon; Charles Prachick, junior deacon; Eric Cahalin, senior steward; Patrick Anderson, junior steward; Christopher Gillam, chaplain; Wilmer K. Jones Jr., tiler; Denny Furman, lodge education officer; and Robert Edwards, trustee. The meeting was preceded by a dinner served by Eric's Catering and a reception party at the home of Gillam Jr. (Submitted photo)



Berlin Ruritan Club hosts Christmas party, installs 2013 officers

The Berlin Ruritan Club hosted its annual Christmas party on Dec. 10 at Ala Cart Catering in Canfield. Members and guests were served a buffet dinner and entertained with Christmas music by Robert Batcha and students from the Western Reserve music class. Officers for 2013 are Jeff Craig, president; John Bates, vice president; Ray Schafer, treasurer; Dwain VanAuker, secretary; and Denny Furman, sergeant of arms. The board of directors are Furman, Kenny Bennett and Larry Truitt. Pictured are members who received awards for perfect attendance, from left, Walt Overly, one year; Joe Capasso, two years; Fred Mayorga, four years; Haven Grittie, five years; Furman, seven years; Alan Anderson, eight years; Jeff Craig, 10 years; John Bates, 16 years; Ray Schafer, 20 years; Kenny Bennett, 21 years; VanAuker, 27 years; and Ivan Hoyle, 34 years. Not pictured was Chuck Ratie with 10 years. (Submitted photo)

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS
EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...

Weingart Cousins meet

SALEM — Sixteen Weingart cousins met in December. Birthdays and anniversaries were observed. The next breakfast begins at 9 a.m. Jan. 8.

SHS '55 to hold lunch

SALEM —The Salem High School Class of 1955 will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 26 at BB Rooners.

SHS '54 plans breakfast

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1954 plans to meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. Dec. 27 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

SCH Auxiliary meeting slated

SALEM — The Salem Community Hospital Auxiliary meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 10 in the small dining room at the back of the hospital cafeteria. Betsy Williams, SCH assistant director of case management, will speak. The public is invited.

New arts class for 2013 fair

LISBON — Columbiana County Fair Board Director for the Arts and Crafts Department Sharen Cope has announced a new class for the 2013 fair. "Decorated Tables" has been an extremely popular class at the nearby Geauga County Fair and will now be instituted at the local fair.

Exhibitors can choose to participate in the three categories: A Christmas Gathering, Anniversary Celebration and Bountiful Harvest. The third category is in honor of the county's agricultural heritage. Exhibitors are to provide the linens, glassware, place settings and table arrangement for each classification and points are awarded for each section.

A best of show prize will also be awarded. All displays will be in a protected area of the arts and crafts building. Further information will be available in the 2013 Premium Book or by contacting Cope at 330-222-1914.

The special category for the quilting/sewing departments for this year's fair will honor Vietnam veterans and will continue to utilize the red, white and blue theme.

Seven-One Club meets

SALEM — The Seven and One Club started off the holiday season with a progressive dinner. On Dec. 9, members gathered at the Weingart home for appetizers. The next stop was at the Dearth home for soup and salad. The main meal was served at the Mincks' home followed by dessert at the Bott home.

Mrs. Jack Bruderly served as hostess for the regular club night at her home featuring a Christmas dinner and party. Mrs. Roger Cooley was her guest. Cards were played and prizes won by Mrs. Gerald Mincks, first place; Mrs. Larry Dearth, second; Mrs. Fred Weingart, low; and Mrs. Herb Bott, travel. Mrs. Bruderly served a cheesecake and homemade Christmas cookies for dessert. Members then exchanged their secret name

gifts, cards and small gifts. The members, who have become such close friends over the last 48 years, will end 2012 with dinner at Mason's Steak House followed by "ringing" in the new year at the Bruderly home. The first meeting in 2013 begins at 7 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Dearth home.

R-Weigh holds meetings

SALEM — The R-Weigh weight groups met at 1 and 5 p.m. Monday at the Faith Chapel and lost 21 pounds for the week. Good losers for the week at both meetings were JoAnne Bogdan, Sylvia Eller, Marian Doerr and Mary Hefner. Roni Fauver and Jo-Carol Gray were the goalies for the week. Patty Mills, Lisa Jones and Bogdan won the monetary can-do drawings. Bogdan received the monetary birthday award and was recognized for reaching her goal weight. Helen Baker, Evelyn Peters, Joyce Sanders, Irene Haver and Bogdan served low-calorie, low-fat foods celebrating their birthdays at the afternoon meeting.

Karen Pauline presided at the evening meeting and Carol Held told a funny reindeer story. Sixteen members were awarded \$10 for winning the 2012 sticker contest. There will be no meetings on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31 because of the holiday. Pauline announced that the R-Weigh groups will be holding its Monday meetings starting Jan. 7 at the First Friends Church on Jennings Avenue. New members are welcome and can visit at no charge. For more information call 330-332-1078.

TOPS 1380 meets

SALEM — TOPS 1380 members met Dec. 17 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Debbie May led the TOPS pledge while Margaret Phillips and Cora Jean Briggs recited the KOPS pledge.

Briggs and Phillips had eight weeks of perfect attendance and stayed below goal. Honorable mention went to Nancy Finch and Phillips won KOPS. December royals are Debbie May, TOPS; Barb May and Briggs, KOPS. The Rolling Cash Five was won by Jeannie Luxeuil and Eleanor May read for the "circle of light" ceremony.

The next meeting begins at 6:15 p.m. Jan. 7 at the church.

DKG collects toys

EAST PALESTINE — The Alpha Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on Dec. 12 at the East Palestine Presbyterian Church. Toys were collected for the Boardman Campus of Akron Children's Hospital. The program was music by members of East Palestine's High School Choir. The next meeting begins at 6 p.m. March 13 at the Way Station in Columbiana. There will be a tour of the facility. Dessert will be served.

Salem VFW to host party

SALEM —A New Year's Eve party will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892, 496 Arch St. Music will be provided by Damaged Goods. Food will be available. Admission is \$5 for non-members.

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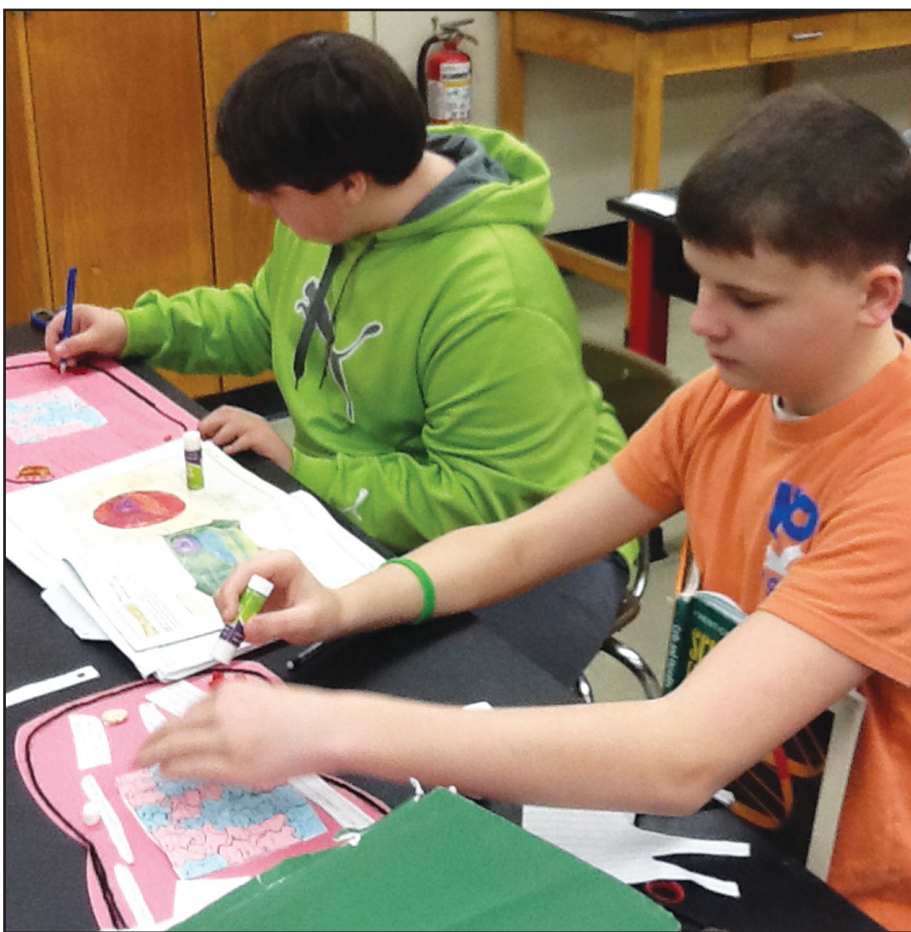


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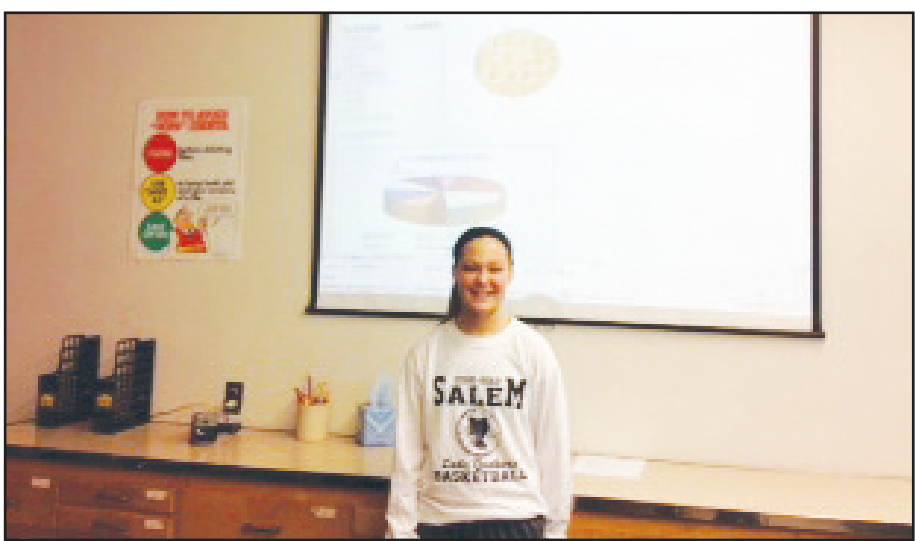
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Jenna Lyons and Shyla Woodworth work on their “Cell Interpretation” to demonstrate mastery of the cell and its functions in Mrs. Baker’s eighth-grade science class.



Brandon Hippley and Anthony Smith work on their “Edible Cell” project in Mrs. Baker’s eighth-grade science class.



Students in Mrs. Hrvatin’s technology class are working on a variety of projects. Seen here using a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet are Allee Davidson-Chuck (above) and Zach Bezon. Students are learning to create spreadsheets that include data and graphs and presenting them to the class.



Students in Mrs. Rothbauer’s, Mrs. Ellis’ and Mrs. Emerick’s classes are seen bidding on items at a class auction. The students used “responsibility points” collected over the semester to bid on presents that the staff donated. Above, Mrs. Rothbauer presents an item for the students to bid on. Below, Ben Musser is showing off his latest purchase.



Recently Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Piatt presented the junior and senior high bands to the public for their annual holiday concert. The audience was treated to a melody of seasonal music that lifted the spirits of everyone in attendance. Shown is Mrs. McFarland directing the eighth-grade band.



The choirs at the junior and senior high recently performed a variety of holiday music for the community. Here the seventh-grade choir prepares for the concert.



Elijah Rothwell is seen here posing beside examples of work completed by Mrs. Hrvatin’s technology classes. Students created ornaments using Microsoft Word which demonstrated their understanding of commands and functions learned in class.

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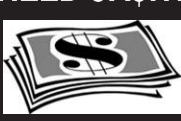
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FDA says fast-growing salmon wouldn't harm environment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health regulators say a genetically modified salmon that grows twice as fast as normal is unlikely to harm the environment, clearing the way for the first approval of a scientifically engineered animal for human consumption.

The Food and Drug Administration on Friday released its environmental assessment of the AquaAdvantage salmon, a faster-growing fish which has been subject to a contentious, yearslong debate at the agency. The document concludes that the fish “will not have any significant impacts on the quality of the human environment of the United States.” Regulators also said that the fish is unlikely to harm populations of natural salmon, a key concern for environmental activists.

The FDA will take comments from the public on its report for 60 days before making it final.

The FDA said more than two years ago that the fish appears to be safe to eat, but the agency had taken no public action since then. Executives for the company behind the fish, Maynard, Mass.-based Aquabounty, speculated that the government was delaying action on their application due to push-back from groups who oppose genetically modified food animals.

Experts view the release of the environmental report as the final step before approval.

“We are encouraged that the environmental assessment is being released and hope the government continues the science-based regulatory process,” AquaBounty said in a statement.

If FDA regulators clear the salmon, as expected, it would be the first genetically altered animal approved for food anywhere in the world.

Critics call the modified salmon a “frankenfish.” They worry that it could cause human allergies and the eventual decimation of the natural salmon population if it escapes and breeds in the wild. Others believe breeding engineered animals is an ethical issue.

AquaBounty has maintained that the fish is safe and that there are several safeguards against environmental problems. The fish would be bred female and sterile, though a very small percentage might still be able to breed. The company said the potential for escape is low. The FDA backed these assertions in documents released in 2010.

Since its founding in 1991, Aquabounty has burned through more than \$67 million developing the fast-growing fish. According to its midyear financial report, the company had less than \$1.5 million in cash and stock left. It has no other products in development.

Genetically engineered — or GE — animals are not clones, which the FDA has already said are safe to eat. Clones are copies of an animal. In GE animals, the DNA has been altered to produce a desirable trait.

The AquaAdvantage salmon has an added growth hormone from the Pacific Chinook salmon that allows the fish to produce growth hormone all year long. The engineers were able to keep the hormone active by using another gene from an eel-like fish called an ocean pout that acts like an “on” switch for the hormone. Typical Atlantic salmon produce the growth hormone for only part of the year.

It is still unclear whether the public will have an appetite for the fish if it is approved. Genetic engineering is already widely used for crops, but the

government until now has not considered allowing the consumption of modified animals. Although the potential benefits — and profits — are huge, many people have qualms about manipulating the genetic code of other living creatures.

If the salmon are eventually approved for sale, consumers may not even know they are eating them. According to federal guidelines, the fish would not be labeled as genetically modified if the agency decides it has the same material makeup as conventional salmon. AquaBounty says that genetically modified salmon have the same flavor, texture, color and odor as the conventional fish, and the FDA so far has not shown any signs of disagreeing.

Wenonah Hauter, director of the advocacy group Food and Water Watch, said forgoing labeling not only ignores consumers’ rights to know what they are eating, but “is simply bad for business, as many will avoid purchasing any salmon for fear it is genetically engineered.”

Hauter urged members of Congress to block the impending approval of the fish. Congressional opposition to the engineered fish has so far been led by members of the Alaska delegation, who see the modified salmon as a threat to the state’s wild salmon industry.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said Friday she is working to convince fellow senators that approval for the fish should be stopped.

“This is especially troubling as the agency is ignoring the opposition by salmon and fishing groups, as well as more than 300 environmental, consumer and health organizations,” she said of the preliminary approval.

Print, shoot: Downloadable guns possible with 3-D printers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Downloading a gun design to your computer, building it with a three-dimensional printer that uses plastics and other materials, and firing it minutes later. No background checks, no questions asked.

Sound far-fetched? It’s not. And that is disquieting for gun control advocates.

Rep. Steven Israel, D-NY, said the prospect of such guns becoming reality is reason enough for the renewal of the Undetectable Firearms Act, which makes it illegal to build guns that can’t be detected by X-ray or metallic scanners. That law expires at the end of 2013.

At least one group, Defense Distributed, is claiming to have created downloadable weapon parts that can be built using the increasingly popular new-generation of printer that can create 3-D objects with moving parts.

University of Texas law student Cody Wilson, 24-year-old “Wiki Weapons” project leader for Defense Distributed, says the group last month test fired a semiautomatic AR-15 rifle — one of the weapon-types used in the Connecticut school massacre. Video posted by the group on YouTube indicates the gun was built with some key parts created on a 3-D printer and fired six times before it broke.

Connecticut school attack but said Thursday that protecting the right to bear arms by giving everyone access to guns is more important in the long term than a single horrible crime.

“Clearly what happened in Connecticut was a tragedy,” he told The Associated Press. “Still, by affording the Second Amendment protection, we understand events like these will happen.”

He said he discussed with his partners whether they should suspend their effort, and they all decided it was too important to stop.

Wilson acknowledged there still are many technical hurdles to creating a complete gun from a 3-D printer and provided no estimate on when the goal might be reached.

Special Agent Helen Dunkel of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which helps enforce gun laws, said the agency is familiar with Wilson’s project. She didn’t offer an opinion but noted there is nothing illegal about making many types of guns at home. Exceptions would be high-powered weapons such as machine guns and those not detectable by airport scanners.

Advances in 3-D printing technology are fueling Wilson’s goal. The printers were developed for the automobile, aerospace and other industries to create product prototypes from the same hard plastics used in toys such as Legos. Hobbyists mainly use the printers to design Christmas ornaments, toys and gadget accessories.

Prices of the machines have fallen as the consumer market grows, leading to a surge in interest from people in the so-called “maker” scene. Low-end 3-D printers can now be purchased online for as little as \$1,500. More high-end printers needed to make gun parts cost at least \$10,000.

Strataysys Ltd. makes 3-D printers, but gun-making was never something envisioned for the machines, said Shane Glenn, director of investor relations at the Eden Prairie, Minn.-based company.

“The gun issue is something that the 3-D printing industry will have to address going forward,” Glenn said.

Right now, most people interested in 3-D printing rent time on one of the

machines. There are a number of businesses and co-ops in major cities that allow access to the machines for a nominal fee.

At San Francisco’s TechShop, which features a 3-D printer for its members, assembling firearms is strictly prohibited and staff is trained on the policy, company spokeswoman Carrie Motamedi said.

Wilson acknowledged his idea has met resistance from those active in 3-D printing.

“The early adopters of 3-D printing technology seem to be an educated, more liberal group who were against firearms to begin with,” he said.

Some involved in the development of the technology are now worried the gun project might spur regulations that will hurt or curtail their projects, he added.

Early schematics created by Wilson’s group were posted on Thingiverse, a Brooklyn, N.Y.-based website that serves as a hub for 3-D printing aficionados. After the school shooting, Thingiverse took down the links.

Spokeswoman Jenifer Howard said the focus of the website is “to empower the creative process and make things for good.”

Thingiverse’s terms of service state the site cannot be used to share content that contributes to the creation of weapons.

Wilson said his group has posted the links to the schematics on its own website.

Paul Saffo, a Silicon Valley technology forecaster who teaches at Stanford University’s engineering school, said the Defense Distributed work carries on a tradition of tech geeks using innovation to make a political point, in this case on gun control and Second Amendment freedom.

“If you want to get people’s attention in Washington, you say something. If you want to do it in Silicon Valley, you make something,” Saffo said.

He said the technology exists now for a highly motivated group to make a plastic gun on a 3-D printer that could avoid airport scanners. But the equipment is still too expensive for most people. “Nobody right now needs to worry about the bright teenager making a gun on a printer in their bedroom,” he said.

Hep C cases linked to NH hospital worker rise

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Five more people have been diagnosed with the same strain of hepatitis C a former traveling hospital worker is accused of spreading through tainted needles, bringing the total to 44 in four states.

David Kwiatkowski, whom prosecutors have called a “serial infector,” is charged with stealing painkillers from New Hampshire’s Exeter Hospital and replacing them with saline-filled syringes tainted with his own blood. He pleaded not guilty earlier this month to 14 federal drug charges and has been in jail since his arrest in July.

Thirty-two New Hampshire patients have tested positive for the

same strain of the liver-destroying disease Kwiatkowski carries, and a dozen other cases have emerged in some of the 18 hospitals in seven states where he previously worked.

Maryland health officials announced four new cases on Friday, all involving patients at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, where Kwiatkowski worked from July 2009 to January 2010.

The previously reported cases include one from the Baltimore VA Medical Center and six from Hays Medical Center in Kansas. Another case has been confirmed at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

in Pennsylvania, a hospital spokeswoman told The Associated Press this week.

Over the years, Kwiatkowski was fired twice over allegations of drug use and theft, including from UPMC, where he was just a few weeks into his temporary stint when a co-worker accused him of swiping a fentanyl syringe from an operating room and sticking it down his pants. Citing a lack of evidence, hospital authorities didn’t call police, and neither the hospital nor the medical staffing agency that placed him in the job informed the national accreditation organization for radiological technicians.

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Review: Tarantino sheds same blood in ‘Django’

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

For his latest blood fest, “Django Unchained,” Quentin Tarantino largely replays all of his other blood fests, specifically his last flick, “Inglourious Basterds.”

In that 2009 tale of wickedly savage retribution, Allied Jewish soldiers get to rewrite World War II history by going on a killing spree of Nazis. In Tarantino’s new tale of wickedly savage retribution, a black man (Jamie Foxx) gets to rewrite Deep South history by going on a killing spree of white slave owners and overseers just before the Civil War.

Granted, there’s something gleefully satisfying in watching evil people get what they have coming. But “Django Unchained” is Tarantino at his most puerile and least inventive, the premise offering little more than cold, nasty revenge and barrels of squishing, squirting blood. The usual Tarantino genre mishmash — a dab of blaxploitation here, a dollop of Spaghetti Western there — is so familiar now that it’s tiresome, more so because the filmmaker continues to linger with chortling delight over every scene, letting conversations run on interminably and gunfights carry on to grotesque excess. Bodies bursting blood like exploding water balloons? Perversely fun the first five or six times, pretty dreary the 20th or 30th.

Tarantino always gets good actors who deliver, though, and it’s the performances by Foxx,



In this undated publicity photo released by The Weinstein Company, from left, Jamie Foxx as Django and Leonardo DiCaprio as Calvin Candie star in the film, “Django Unchained,” directed by Quentin Tarantino. (AP Photo)

Leonardo DiCaprio, Christoph Waltz and Samuel L. Jackson that make “Django Unchained” intermittently entertaining amid moments when the characters are either talking one another to death or just plain killing each other.

Foxx’s Django starts literally in chains, part of a line of slaves on their way to the auction block. Genteel bounty hunter King Schultz (Waltz, an Academy Award

winner for “Inglourious Basterds”) turns up searching for Django because the slave can identify three elusive overseers with a price on their heads. Next thing you know, Django’s apprenticing as a bounty hunter, forming a partnership with King that takes them deeper south in hopes of freeing Django’s wife, Broomhilda (Kerry Washington).

The trail leads them to a plantation owned by Calvin Candie (Di-

Caprio), a dandy who trains slaves for barbarous Mandingo fighting.

There are morbidly funny moments as Django and King infiltrate the plantation posing as buyers, the two sharing twisted exchanges with the flamboyantly creepy Candie and his chief house slave and Uncle Tom gone psycho, Stephen (Jackson, Tarantino’s “Pulp Fiction” co-star).

Tarantino mostly lets them prat-

tle on to such lengths that whatever tension was building is defused. A scene in which a posse of Klan forerunners (led by Don Johnson) debates the difficulties of seeing out of their white hoods is hilarious for a few moments. But then they talk the gag into the ground, and keep on talking.

The humor co-exists uneasily and often clumsily alongside a story so charged with racial enmity. Tarantino’s solution to everything is to put guns and dynamite into people’s hands, and while that might be good escapism in a gangster story, it feels flimsy and childish here.

In the wake of the school shootings at Sandy Hook in Connecticut, Foxx talked about the need for Hollywood to accept the fact that movie violence can influence audiences. Tarantino countered that blame should fall to those who actually carry out a crime.

They’re both right, and it’s absurd to think that the cartoon bloodshed of “Django Unchained” might put viewers over the top and send them out on a shooting rampage. Yet it is reasonable to ask why we find a Tarantino-style body count so entertaining that he can keep doing the same thing over and over, and we keep paying to see it.

“Django Unchained,” a Weinstein Co. release, is rated R for strong graphic violence throughout, a vicious fight, language and some nudity. Running time: 165 minutes. Two stars out of four.

Streisand, Rogen bond on ‘The Guilt Trip’

By SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Barbra Streisand would really rather relax than star in a movie.

“I like not to be bothered,” she said during a recent interview. “I like to look at the ocean and swim in my pool and play with my dog and see my son.”

But for the director and writer of “The Guilt Trip,” in theaters Wednesday, Streisand was the only choice to play Joyce Brewster, a loving but meddling mom who sees the bonding opportunity of a lifetime when her only son, Andy (Seth Rogen), invites her on a cross-country road trip. Streisand declined the role for a year. Then her real-life son, Jason Gould, joined the chorus of voices urging her to do it, so the legendary 70-year-old entertainer made a few “requests” of producers.

Could they promise weekends off and no call times before 8:30 a.m.? Would they consider renting a warehouse closer to Streisand’s Malibu home rather than shooting on a proper sound stage?

“I get a little carsick sometimes so I didn’t want to schlep to Paramount, which is an hour and a half to two hours that time of the morning,” Streisand said. “So if you rent a warehouse and built the sets — it’s ridiculous what I was asking.”

Yet the filmmakers obliged her every demand, and in the end, Streisand and Rogen shared one of the most pleasant, fun and creatively comfortable acting experiences they’ve ever had. The two approach work similarly, they said, and they really became like mother and son on set.

“Aw, you were proud of your mommy?” Streisand asked Rogen sweetly, laying

her head on his shoulder playfully after he complimented her performance in the film.

Rogen, 30, said Streisand reminds him of his own mother.

“I think there’s a whole generation of mothers who kind of model themselves off of Barbra. She’s the patient zero of Jewish mothers,” he said. “A lot of people see the movie from all races and nationalities and they’re like, ‘Oh man, she reminds me so much of my mother,’ and I think it’s because, it’s probably because your mother is a fan of hers and acts like her.”

Rogen and Streisand also bonded as filmmakers. As multi-hyphenates who work on both sides of the camera, they brought a broad understanding of the moviemaking process and resulting openness to their roles. For example, during one scene where Streisand’s character tries to eat a four-pound steak to win a free meal, the actress in her didn’t want to do it, but the director in her knew she had to.

“Because, as a filmmaker, I don’t care what the actress has to go through,” she said.

“Some actors are like that, Rogen said. “Ones who’ve made movies are like that. You can see that even though they don’t want to be doing that, they know that they have to because it’s the best thing for the movie.”

That director’s sense of story and filmmaking also informed their improv scenes. Streisand said ad-libbing comes naturally to her — “not that I’ve had to use it before in something like ‘Prince of Tides.’”

Though their characters may seem Jewish (like the actors that play them), both said they tried to make them more generic.

“But then your natural instincts come out,” Streisand



This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Seth Rogen, left, and Barbra Streisand in a scene from “The Guilt Trip.” (AP Photo/Paramount Pictures, Sam Emerson)

said.

“And you go Jewish,” Rogen added with a laugh.

Streisand then reminded him, “There are a lot of very famous Jewish entertainers,” echoing every Jewish mother ever.

The mutual respect between the two was evident when they discussed their upcoming projects. Rogen just finished his co-directorial debut, “The End of the World,” which he also wrote and produced.

“How did you find dealing with your actors?” Streisand asked. “Because your actors were all your friends, right? So you could say anything to them.”

Rogen said it made it easier in some ways and more difficult in others. The actors all play themselves, he said, and he and Streisand shared a laugh about potential character discussions on set between actor and director.

“You hired me for me, and

this is what I want to do!” Streisand laughed.

When she revealed that she’s having trouble finding financing for her next directorial project, Rogen commiserated. “It’s tough to get a movie going,” he said.

Though Streisand’s reputation as a legendary talent and reported diva precedes her, Rogen said he was impressed by the Oscar-winner’s approach to her work and demeanor on set.

“If anything, it showed me that I should maintain sanity,” he said. “There’s no excuse to be crazy. Because Barbra’s not crazy. She acts very reasonably and she can get away with a lot of (stuff) that she doesn’t pull. I’ve seen people with much less power than her get away with crazier (things) than she’s ever pulled... She could go bonkers and she doesn’t do anything.”

“I’m like this nice person,” Streisand said. “Why do I

have this strange reputation?”

“I’m saying you could,” Rogen said. “I think people project what they would maybe do if they had as much power as you.”

All she did was move “The Guilt Trip” sets a little closer to her house.

Danes, Dancy welcome baby

NEW YORK (AP) — Claire Danes and Hugh Dancy’s “Homeland” just got bigger.

Danes’ rep confirms the couple welcomed a baby boy named Cyrus Michael Christopher. People.com first reported Monday’s birth.

It’s the first child for 33-year old Danes and 37-year-old Dancy. They were married in 2009.

Danes is nominated for Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series for her work on Showtime’s “Homeland.”

Kinkade estate dispute settled

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Thomas Kinkadee’s widow and girlfriend have reached a settlement after a dispute over the late artist’s \$66 million estate, their attorneys said Wednesday.

The San Jose Mercury News reports that counsel for Nanette Kinkade and his girlfriend Amy Pinto announced the settlement but wouldn’t provide further details, leaving it unclear who will inherit Kinkade’s San Francisco Bay area mansion and his warehouse of paintings.

In a statement, they said the women kept Kinkade’s message of “love, spirituality and optimism” in their amicable resolution.

The dispute went public after the 54-year-old artist died April 6 from an accidental overdose of alcohol and prescription tranquilizers.

Pinto, who began dating Kinkade six months after his marriage of 28 years imploded, claimed Kinkade wrote two notes bequeathing her his mansion and \$10 million to establish a museum of his paintings. Her lawyers filed court papers stating that she and Kinkade had planned to marry as soon as his divorce went through.

Nanette Kinkade disputed those claims and sought full control of the estate. She portrayed Pinto in court papers as a gold-digger who is trying to cheat the artist’s rightful heirs.

Kinkade, the self-described “Painter of Light,” was known for sentimental scenes of country gardens and pastoral landscapes. His work led to a commercial empire of franchised galleries, reproduced artwork and spin-off products that was said to fetch some \$100 million each year in sales.

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Active schedule has HS senior stressed

Dear Annie: How can I deal with the demands of being a high school senior? I am overwhelmed.

Between homework, my job, a social life, sports and family time, there are not enough hours in the day. All of these things are important



Annie's Mailbox

to me, but I don't know how to balance them. Please don't suggest I give up any of them, because

they are all dear to my heart. — **Distressed in Duanesburg**

Dear Distressed: No one expects you to enter high school knowing how to perfectly balance your life. This is when you are supposed to learn ways to do it, and there may be a great deal of trial and error in the process because you are juggling more responsibility. That's OK. You don't have to give these things up, but you may have to scale back. Perhaps one sport instead of two, fewer hours at your job or telling your friends you can't go out on Saturday because you have to finish a paper.

This is a good time to recognize that you can't do everything, so you need to prioritize. Schoolwork comes first. Talk to your parents or the school counselor about the rest. We are confident that you'll figure it out.

Dear Annie: Although my husband and I have been married for 13 years, we only recently bought our first home. We previously lived in a small apartment.

We are planning to have our first housewarming party once we have fully unpacked and the house is ready for company. Would it be OK to register for things we'd like to have and include the information in our invitations? Or is it best to keep a "private" registration and inform only those who ask what we need? — **Can't Wait To Share New Home**

Dear Can't Wait: Except for showers, it is never a good idea to put information about gift registries into an invitation. It says "buy me things" and that the gift is the point of the party, instead of focusing on the friendship. You may give suggestions to people who specifically ask you what you want, and if you have one or two close friends or family members, you can allow them to pass the word, as well.

Dear Annie: I read another letter in your column regarding a woman's lack of libido and the husband who found sex elsewhere. Whenever that complaint pops up, everyone makes suggestions, usually for the woman to seek medical attention.

Well, I've done that. Every male doctor I asked just laughed and suggested that maybe a "boyfriend" could turn me on. It is demeaning. I love my husband and have no intention of cheating. The problem is, no male anywhere "turns me on." The female doctors I saw tested my hormones, suggested upping my testosterone (which didn't help), or shrugged and said I'd have to wait for a female Viagra.

Nothing helps the frustrated women who wish we could get back our desire. It's time someone found a solution for us, and then we'd feel sexy enough to entice our men so they wouldn't look for pills or affairs. I know I'm not alone. That doesn't solve the problem, but it helps to know many of us are in the same boat. — **Ormond Beach, Fla.**

Dear Ormond Beach: We are surprised that any doctor would brush off your complaint with such frivolity. Perhaps some doctors are reluctant to discuss women's sexual issues, but lack of libido is a serious problem for many women, and they deserve a doctor who not only understands the issue, but is willing to treat it appropriately. Of course, there is as yet no miracle drug that will bring back your libido, although we suspect researchers are hard at work on it. It's too lucrative a market to ignore.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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- 22 Gives the sack
- 23 *Scenic souvenirs
- 26 Slow roller on a baseball diamond?
- 27 Cuddle, in a way
- 28 Delivered a sermon
- 29 Little green man?
- 30 Place for a pin
- 33 "Eww, more than I need to know!"
- 34 Take exception
- 36 *Acupuncturist's target
- 41 One way or another
- 45 "Malcolm in the Middle" dad
- 46 Get rid of
- 47 Egyptian Christians
- 49 Prefix with cab
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- 53 Oscar-winning foreign language film based on a Fugard novel
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- 58 Memorable tumbler
- 59 *Nonconformist, idiomatically
- 62 Browns quickly
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- 69 "¿Cómo ___ usted?"
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- 76 Legal right
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- 81 Old-style "once"
- 82 One just starting
- 83 Intense passion
- 84 Van Gogh masterpiece

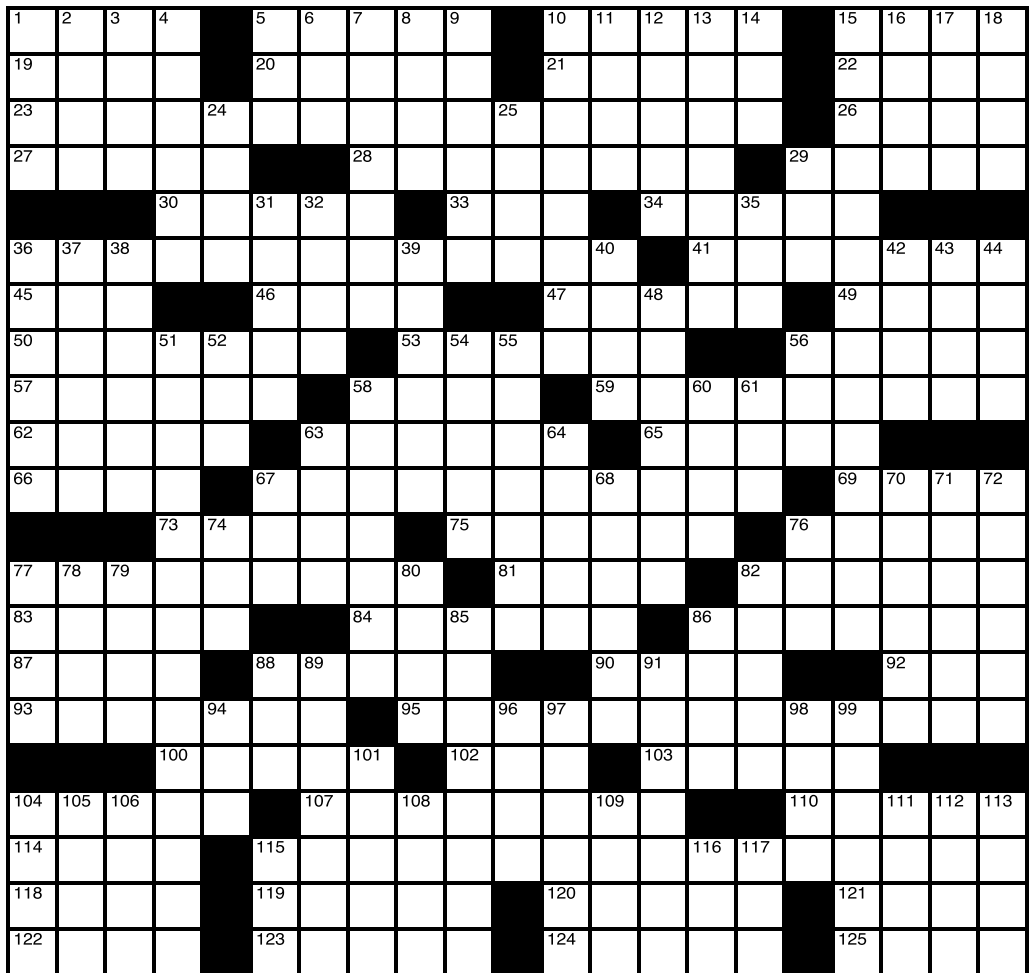
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- 87 Fall guy
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- 90 Wheel with a knife nearby
- 92 ___ de Cologne
- 93 Seventh-inning ritual
- 95 *Tense subject?
- 100 Space ___
- 102 Zip
- 103 "It's the Hard-Knock Life"
- 104 Singer LuPone
- 107 Didn't go along
- 110 Guitar parts
- 114 Et ___
- 115 *British Sunday meal staple
- 118 O'Brien predecessor and successor
- 119 Video game plumber
- 120 Looks for a vein
- 121 Pierre's South Dakota?
- 122 Eight-legged team

- 123 Rhett's last words
 - 124 Actress MacDowell
 - 125 Agents "hiding" in the answers to starred clues
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- 1 "House" actor
 - 2 Voyage
 - 3 Puerto ___
 - 4 Lauds
 - 5 Earth Day mo.
 - 6 Afternoon ora
 - 7 Brings down
 - 8 Love of Latin
 - 9 Faced head-on, as a challenge
 - 10 To the point
 - 11 Cole Porter's "Well, Did You ___?"
 - 12 Put one's foot in it
 - 13 Most miffed
 - 14 Part of MS-DOS: Abbr.
 - 15 *Protected area
 - 16 Teacher's handout

- 17 Rosemary, e.g.
- 18 "___ with my little eye ..."
- 24 Señor's "some"
- 25 Author Hoag
- 29 Mess (up)
- 31 Whines
- 32 Oldest of the gods, in Plato's "Symposium"
- 35 Cal. pages
- 36 Put into words
- 37 Takeover engineer
- 38 Composer of the "Beetlejuice" score
- 39 Diminutive
- 40 Chuck
- 42 Rattletrap
- 43 Garfield's pal
- 44 Building addition
- 48 Agreeably sharp-tasting
- 51 *Smokey Bear's bailiwick
- 52 NYPD ranks
- 54 Typos and such
- 55 Fatty-acid esters

- 56 Soft & ___: Dial product
- 58 MacGyver, so to speak
- 60 Trendy fleece-lined boots
- 61 Malt beverage
- 63 It's often raw
- 64 Goosebump raiser
- 67 Target on the green
- 68 Mouth
- 70 "Evidently"
- 71 "Fresh entertainment" score
- 72 Eschewed cooking
- 74 On top of, to poets
- 76 Abbey title
- 77 Yields to gravity
- 78 Bapt. or Meth.
- 79 Feast of Esther month
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- 82 Certain club restriction
- 85 Together
- 86 Cereal box title

- 88 HDTV feature, often
- 89 Pulitzer-winning Cormac McCarthy novel
- 91 Like a McJob
- 94 Mai ___
- 96 Wednesday's mom, to Gomez
- 97 Last syllable
- 98 Fruit discard
- 99 Thing out on a limb
- 101 Caesar's land
- 104 ___ Alto
- 105 Michael's "Family Ties" role
- 106 Pea piercer
- 108 Milk choice
- 109 Leprechaun's turf
- 111 Mention
- 112 Sack opener?
- 113 Boot camp NCOs
- 115 Soprano Sumac
- 116 I.M. with plans
- 117 Employ



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'Breakfast at Tiffany's' added to US film registry

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WASHINGTON — "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Dirty Harry" and "A League of Their Own" will be preserved for their enduring significance in American culture by the Library of Congress, along with "A Christmas Story" and some pioneering sports movies. They are among 25 selections the library is inducting Wednesday into the National Film Registry. Congress created the program in 1989 to preserve films for their cultural or historical significance. The latest additions bring the registry to 600 films that include Hollywood features, documentaries, independent films and early experimental flicks.

The newest movie chosen for preservation is 1999's "The Matrix," noted for its state-of-the-art special effects and computer-generated animation with a style that drew on Hong Kong action films and Japanese anime to change science fiction filmmaking, curators noted.

The oldest film being preserved, "The Corbett-Fitzsimmons Title Fight," dates back 115 years to 1897. Film curators said the boxing movie helped establish the film industry as a successful business, drawing on the sport's popularity and controversy to generate \$750,000 in income. Boxing was illegal in many states at the time but had been made legal in Ne-

vada, which hosted the fight. The film, with a running time of about 100 minutes, became the longest movie ever produced at the time, showing the full course of the fight.

Another pioneering sports film, "They Call It Pro Football" from 1967, was chosen for how it changed the way football was portrayed on screen. Before then, football films were mostly highlight reels. National Football League commissioner Pete Rozelle decided the success of the NFL depended on its television image, to capture the struggle of football and not just the end result on the scoreboard.

The Librarian of Congress makes the selections each year after conferring with members of the National Film Preservation Board and receiving public nominations. To be considered, the films must be at least 10 years old.

"These films are not selected as the 'best' American films of all time, but rather as works of enduring importance to American culture," said Librarian of Congress James Billington in announcing the selections. "They reflect who we are as a people and as a nation."

They also include some unforgettable characters.

Audrey Hepburn landed the lead in 1961's "Breakfast at Tiffany's" even though writer Truman Capote wanted Marilyn Monroe for

the part. Film critics and the audience decided Capote was wrong and hailed Hepburn's portrayal.

"A League of Their Own" from 1992 received many public nominations for the film registry over the years. With a cast that included Geena Davis, Tom Hanks, Madonna and Rosie O'Donnell, it told the story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.

Numerous public nominations also were received for "Born Yesterday" from 1950 and "A Christmas Story" from 1983. Both were chosen this year. Other Hollywood features on the list include "Anatomy of a Murder" from 1959 and "3:10 to Yuma" from 1957.

Each title named to the registry will be preserved in the library's Packard Campus for Audio Visual Conservation, built partially in a bunker in Culpeper, Va., or through collaborations with other archives or studios.

Documentaries chosen this year include "The Times of Harvey Milk," made in 1984 about San Francisco's first openly gay elected official who was assassinated in 1978, and "Samsara: Death and Rebirth in Cambodia" from 1990 about the struggle to rebuild after Pol Pot's rule.

This year's selections include some firsts in film history. The 1914 film "Uncle Tom's Cabin," based on the anti-slavery novel by Harriet

Beecher Stowe, had been adapted earlier for movies with white actors in the lead roles. But this version was the first feature-length U.S. film to star a black actor when Sam Lucas was chosen for the part. The library will also preserve the first "Kodachrome Color Motion Picture Tests" from 1922. The two-color film features leading actresses posing and miming for the camera to demonstrate the new color film. Before then, to show film in color, black and white images either had to be hand-painted or colored with a stenciling process. Inventors, including scientists at Kodak, began experimenting with ways to create true color film. The Kodachrome test shown at Paragon Studios in New Jersey was the first publicly demonstrated color film that would attract interest from the American film industry. Later Technicolor would become the industry standard.

"Most every major Hollywood film from 1922 through the end of the silent era would have either a Kodachrome color sequence in it or Technicolor color sequence as a way of attracting audience interest," said Pat Loughney, chief of the library's audio visual preservation campus. "It's a technical, historical achievement, but it's important to the progress of inventive work that made motion pictures successful."

Adele voted AP Entertainer of Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Adele rolled so deep in 2012 that she's been voted The Associated Press Entertainer of the Year.

In 132 ballots submitted by members and subscribers of the AP, Adele easily outpaced other vote-getters like Taylor Swift, "Fifty Shades of Grey" author E.L. James, the South Korean pop star PSY and the cast of "Twilight." Editors and broadcasters were asked to cast their ballot for who had the most influence on entertainment and culture in 2012.

Adele's year began in triumph at the Grammys, where she won six awards including album of the year for her sophomore disc "21." It ended with the birth of her son in October.

Ke\$ha tweets song 'now inappropriate'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Ke\$ha says she understands her hit song "Die Young" "is now inappropriate" following the shootings in Newtown, Conn.

The pop singer said in a Twitter post Tuesday night that she's "so so so sorry" for anyone affected by the tragedy.

Earlier Tuesday, Ke\$ha tweeted that she had her own issues with "Die Young" due to the lyrics, but that she was "FORCED TO" sing them. That tweet was deleted a short time later.

Ke\$ha's spokesman said the 25-year-old had no comment Wednesday morning.

"Die Young" is intended as a party anthem and is No. 3 on this week's Billboard Hot 100 chart. But radio stations began to pull it and other songs with potentially upsetting lyrics after 27 people, including 20 children, were killed Friday at an elementary school.

Channing Tatum, wife expecting baby

NEW YORK (AP) — The Sexiest Man Alive will soon be a sexy dad.

Actor Channing Tatum and his wife Jenna Dewan-Tatum are expecting their first child in 2013, their reps confirm.

The news was first reported by People.com, which named Tatum the Sexiest Man Alive in November.

The couple, who recently co-starred in the film "10 Years," met on the 2006 dance film "Step Up," and wed in 2009.

Besides a baby, the new year will be a busy year for the parents-to-be. Tatum has at least four movies in the works while Dewan-Tatum appears on this season of "American Horror Story: Asylum" and has a TV movie called "She Made Them Do It" premiering Dec. 29 on Lifetime.

President Obama 'Person of the Year'

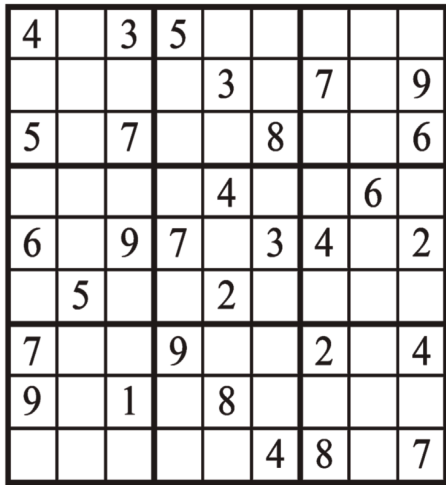
NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama has been named Time magazine's "Person of the Year" for 2012.

"We are in the midst of historic cultural and demographic changes, and Obama is both the symbol and in some ways the architect of this new America," Time Editor Rick Stengel told NBC's "Today" show, where he announced the selection on Wednesday.

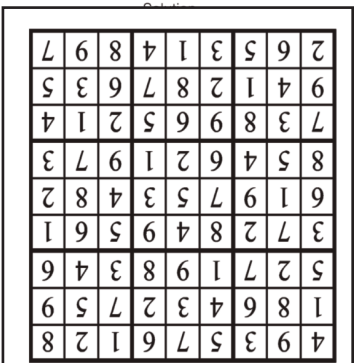
The short list for the honor included Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani teenager who was shot in the head for advocating for girls' education, as well as Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi, Apple CEO Tim Cook and Italian physicist Fabiola Giannati.

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